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TROOP 16 BOY SCOUTS of America, Alameda Ward, Oakland Stake, begin a round trip hike July 8, 1952 from their troop camp on the Liahona Campsite, Stanislaus Canyon to Dandanelle Resort, 9.6 miles away. Don Tanner, Scoutmaster, is seen with the 13 eager Boy Scouts.

Alameda Scouts Make History

Troop 16, Boy Scouts of America, Alameda Ward, Oakland Stake, made Liahona Club and Troop history July 5-11 when they conducted a seven-day mountain camp on the 15½-acre high Sierra forested Liahona Club organizational campsite.

Leading the 13 Boy Scouts from their sea-level homes in Alameda to the 6000-7000-foot elevation, Stanislaus area, were Troop Committee Chairman Charles H. Stamps and Scoutmaster Don Tanner.

Helping in transporting food and other supplies was Ralph E. Lane, who owns a cabin at Twain-Hart Resort, lower down in the canyon. Troop transportation was by leaders Stamps and Tanner, except for two Boy Scouts, Lee and Kenneth Stamps, who rode their bikes both ways.

Troop 16 is composed of one first-class, eight second-class, and four Tenderfoot Scouts. Named in the order mentioned the roster reads: Nelson Read, Charles R. Stamps, Lee Stamps, Kenneth Stamps, Don Hughes, Jr., Kendall Clayson, Hugh Multz, Jeffrey Berman, Fred Taliferro, Ovie Andreason, Roger Elliott, George Hewitt, and Rodney Blacklock.

THE LOG OF THE CAMP

Saturday, July 5, arrived in camp at noon and set up camp: evening campfire program with group of six Gleaners and M Men from Berkeley stake and a dozen other campers from Oakland and Berkeley Stakes.

Sunday, July 6: Aaronic Priesthood meeting 9-945 a.m., Sunday School 10-11:30 a.m. Evening campfire conducted by Scoutmaster Tanner from Troop 16 and other campers.

Monday, July 7, 8 a.m.-12 noon. Worked tearing down wrecked Liahona Lodge; afternoon varied individual and group games, hikes, bathing; evening, preparing sandwiches and gear for the morrow's troop hike.

Tuesday, July 8. After breakfast 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., hike to and from Dardanelle Resort, 9.6 miles each way.

Wednesday, July 9. Erecting woodcraft Scouts dining table; miscellaneous play and resting; evening meal eaten at woodcraft dining table, all Scouts washed and seated at same time.

Thurs., July 10. Record check-of Scout achievements towards advanced status. Preparing for breaking camp early next day.

Friday, July 11. Up by 6 a.m., early breakfast, beds rolled, tents disassembled, cars loaded and start made for home at 9 a.m. Arrived at homes in Alameda in early afternoon.

Camp items of note:

Finding and erecting two tall poles and raising the colors, one Old Glory, the other Boy Scouts' flag.

Laying off a ten-foot square, using pine cones for borders, at base of each pole, and spelling, "Troop 16," within these squares, using pine cones to form letters and figures.

Erecting food-preparation table of trimmed pine bows.

Erecting combination dining table and attached seats of trimmed poles and bows, large enough to seat entire troop at each meal.

Laying out three essential paths; all bordered precisely by parallel rows of pine cones.

COMMENTS

Comments regarding the Liahona camp of Troop 16, July 5-11, on Clark's Fork of the Stanislaus.:

Committeeman, Charles H. Stamps: "It gave the boys the opportunity to live as boys should for a time in their lives. The Liahona campsite was a good place to be. The boys had scope for growth and development and all are anxious to go again."

Scoutmaster, Don Tanner: I think the Scout camp did the boys much good and the site afforded the boys plenty of room for varied sports. I think it is wonderful to have the Liahona Club pioneering this mountain campsite and that everyone should get behind the Club and eventually build a great lodge up there.

Chairman Liahona Campsite Committee, A. D. Ericksen: I

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Liahona Lodge To Be Rebuilt

The Liahona Club's Lodge in the Stanislaus Forest will be rebuilt this year! Broken walls, splintered floors, and the flattened roof of the snowpack-wrecked 1951 lodge will be speedily removed and salvaged, and in its place will arise the central portion of the structure as originally planned.

Work has already begun and will proceed full-steam ahead until completed on the week end of Labor Day when a great celebration will be held. "Everybody" in the two east bay stakes will visit the Liahona Campsite sometime during August or early September as guest campers, or workers, it is hoped.

Such was unanimous decision of the Liahona Club at its regular fourth Monday meeting, held this month on July 28 at the interesting University of California Faculty Club in Berkeley. The meeting seemed to be caught up in the infectious and driving enthusiasm of the chairman of the Lodge Committee, A. D. Ericksen.

The building lay-out now calls for a post-supported ceilinged lobby instead of the open-raftered construction of 1951, and for four sleeping rooms above the lobby and so built that their walls will help to shore-up the roof which will have as its chief support several sturdy, bolt-and-plate built trusses capable of withstanding the heaviest snowpack.

Architect Theodore Ruegg will furnish the plans for the new lodge, while Howard Dunn, en-

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I. B. BALL, speaking at open-air Sunday School at the Liahona Mountain Campsite, July 6, 1952. Thirty campers attended. The Sacrament was administered by Dave McClellan and Dave Fry. Everyone present accepted the invitation to express themselves. Dr. C. Ronald Smith, presided. A. D. Ericksen sits at right of Dr. Smith.

Dr. Fairbanks' Heroic Statue, "Discovery of Gold In California," to Be Gift From Utah to Golden State

DETAIL OF STATUTE—These are close-ups of the faces in the statue executed by Dr. Avard Fairbanks

Professor Avard Fairbanks, famed University of Utah sculptor, June 28, completed his long-awaited statue depicting two pioneer men and the discovery of gold at Colma, California, January 24, 1848. The statute is now in he East being cast.

It will require several months before the nine-foot-tall statute is returned in bronze. Then appropriate ceremonies will be arranged to present the statute to the state of California, Dr. Fairbanks said.

In 1950 the Sons of Utah Pioneers presented a model of the statue to Gov. Earl Warren of California. The SUP members were traveling over the route taken by the Mormon Battalion.

After the Mormon Battalion had camped for one year on the American Fork River, two miles from Sutter's Fort, 100 members of the group sought employment at the fort. The men desired work to obtain horses, cattle and equipment to return to Utah and be with their families again.

Capt. John A. Sutter and James W. Marshall then decided to construct a grist mill and a saw mill. Close to Marshall in this project was James S. Brown, an elderly battalion member. Henry W. Bigler also is linked to the occasion. His dairy records the definite dates of these events.

These men, with Alexander Stephens, James Berg, William Johnson, Asariah Smith and Israel Evans, started construction of the mill run between January 15-20, 1948. Within a few days, January 24, 1948, gold was discovered.

Credit for the gold discovery is to be ascribed to the men of the Mormon Battalion, working under Marshall's direction on a project sponsored by Capt. Sutter.

The influence of this single discovery made California ever after known as the "Golden State." Gold searchers rushed into California and quickly populated the state.

It is to be noted historically that California decided to be a free state and make her gold resources available to the North during the Civil War. This aided in the preservation of the Union under Abraham Lincoln.

"The creation of a heroic statue of this event and its presentation to a sister state will be effective public relations of peoples whose history ties so closely together, and who have worked hand in hand in western development," Dr. Fairbanks said

ALMA D. ERICKSEN.

Spearheading and spark plugging the acquirement of the Liahona Club's Stanislaus Forest Campsite in 1949, and the erection thereon of the 1951 Lodge, Alma D .Ericksen has served three times as the club's president, and at the same time is the aggressive leader of an enthusiastic drive to rebuild a large part of that mountain lodge during the current camping season.

A. D." is the senior member of the Oakland law firm of Ericksen and Ericksen. Experienced in promoting the erection of large buildings, he served as chairman of the building committee in the erection of the Berkeley Ward chapel, and then served as the bishop of the ward for several years .

Utah State Alumni to Hold Annual Picnic

The Golden Gate Chapter will hold its Second Annual Picnic, Saturday, August 16, 1952, at Adobe Creek Lodge, Los Altos. Calif. All Utah State Alumni, former students and their families are invited. Bring swim suits, indoor baseballs, bats, cameras and picnic lunch.

The location of this year's event is a well-known resort area approximately four miles west of Los Altos on the El Monte road. Prices of admission are adults $1.20, children between six and 12, 60 cents and those under six free. Reserved for the group is the location known as the Ivy Court Pit area.

President Wesley Taft Benson announces a short program to start the day's activities at 11 a.m.

HEBER JAMES BROWN.

The chairman of the Oakland Ward Scout Committee, Heber James Brown is worthy of a meed of credit for the recent winning of the Deseret Awards by the boys of that ward, and the conferring of these awards on the boys by Apostle Moyle at the time of his visit to the last Oakland Stake conference. The general activity of that Scout troop is a credit also to the committee, with Elder Brown as chairman.

Senior member of the active Oakland law firm of Brown, Smith and Ferguson, "Heber J." has long been active in church, professional, business and civic affairs in Oakland.

'52 Stake Conference

Berkeley, August 30-31, and November 15-16; Palo Alto September 13-14 and November 29-30; San Francisco, October 11-12; Santa Rosa, October 11-12.

Professional Baseball; Everybody Out August 21

"Hail, Hail, the Gang's all Here," will be the theme song for Oakland and Berkeley Stakes at the Oaks Baseball Park in Emeryville, Thursday night, August 21. On that occasion a special drive is being made to stack the stands with "everybody"—that is, every LDS person who loves the national sport. The Oaks will be playing Seattle in a regular league game.

But the gangs from Oakland and Berkeley Stakes will be there in full force not only because it is the night for fun for them all, but also because it is the night when the Maxwell Ward Building Fund will benefit from every ticket sold by these two stakes IF PURCHASED FROM THE STAKES AND NOT AT THE WINDOW AT THE BALL PARK.

So be sure to peg that night on the calendar—Thursday, August 21, and see your ward bishop for tickets in Oakland Stake.

In Berkeley Stake call I. B. Ball, AS. 3-8131.

DIMOND EXPLORERS SCALE MOU..TAIN PEAKS

Four MIA Explorers from Dimond Ward scaled Castlewall Peak, July 9 and 10, between two and three thousand feet above the Liahona Club's 7000-foot campsite on the Stanislaus, and then two days later two of them, accompanied by Ted Hilton, climbed to the 14,496-foot summit of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the United States.

Byron Barber and Wright Swenson made both climbs, while Milton Barber and Ronnie Freundendahl were in on the Castlewall Peak hike, a climb which had balked the same party one year previous because of darkness after too late a start.

RREADY TO BEGIN the 26-mile round trip hike, 9,000 to over 14,-000 feet elevation, from Mt. Whitney Portal to the mountain top, the highest peak in the United States.

Leaving their car and camp on the Liahona campsite Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m., the four huskies climbed until 8:30 p.m. and then bedded down on the mountain for the night. Starting the next morning at 8 a. m. the summit was reached at 10:40 a.m. and a pole erected as a marker while names and the date, scribbled on a sheet of paper were slipped under the stones that supported the pole.

The hikers reported seeing, when near the summit of Castlewall Peak, a high mountain lake of an approximate width of 50 yards. The descent to Liahona campsite was made by two p.m., Thursday, July 10.

Lots of snow and rock on the trail and everywhere on the summit; few trails and those they did find of very little help; rain while in their bough-covered shelter trying to sleep on the mountain the first night; a grand and inspiring view; and lots of exhileration at the accomplishment, when it was all over—these were the Explorers' brief and somewhat faltering expressions as they prepared to leave immediately to join Ted Hilton in Oakland and start next day to master Mt. Whitney.

Leaving Oakland Friday, July 11, with Ted Hilton, Byron Barber and Wright Swenson arrived Saturday morning at Whitney Portal, the end of the automobile road, climbed in three and one-half hours to Mirror Lake, the timber line, and bedded down for the night.

Leaving their packs at "the Lake," and carrying scanty rations in their pockets and without snow picks or ropes, they started the 13-mile grind to the wind-swept, 14,000-foot plus summit.

Arriving at the peak's top at one p.m., the three were there joined 20 minutes later by another party of four experienced alpen climbers well equipped with climbers' picks, ropes, etc.

After a brief distance-sighting on summit, and after a little photographing of the parties and the wide-reaching view, the tired mountaineers began the 13-mile descent to Mirror Lake and their packs, and the other ten miles to Whitney Portal and their welcomed car, where they arrived at

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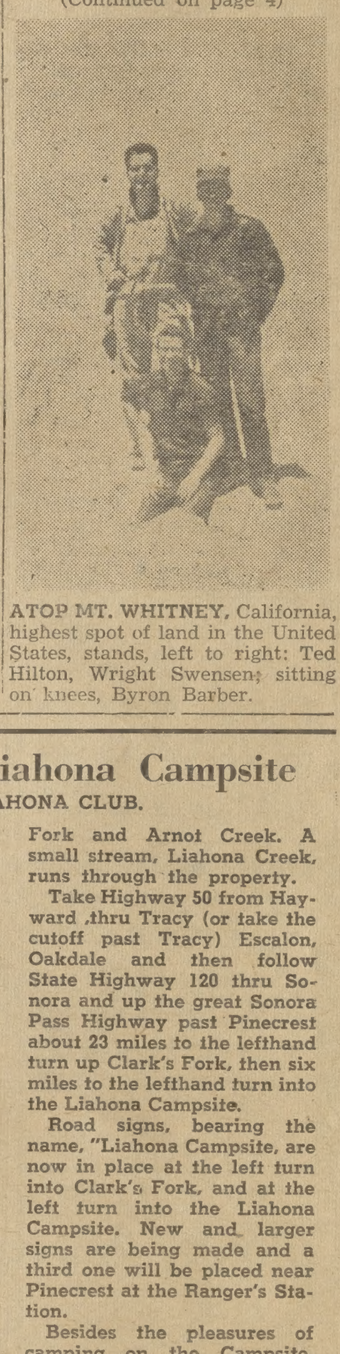

ATOP MT. WHITNEY, California, highest spot of land in the United States, stands, left to right: Ted Hilton, Wright Swensen; sitting on knees, Byron Barber.

Temple Site Purchased In Berne, Switzerland

Announcement of the purchase of a site in Berne, Switzerland, for the first European temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was made July 22, 1952, from Glasgow, by Pres. David O. McKay. The announcement came just as the president and his party were about to take a plane for their return to America.

The Church leader, accompanied by Mrs. McKay and their son and daughter-in-law Elder and Mrs. David Lawrence McKay, arrived in New York City July 23 and reached Salt Lake City by train July 26.

President McKay made it clear in Glasgow that he has secured the temple site at Berne and added that costs and other details would be given out later.

The presses from Glasgow quoted Elder McKay as saying that 40,000 of the Church membership live in Europe, half of these living in Switzerland and Germany. The temple when erected, will serve the entire European area.

Eight Weeks In Europe

The eight-week tour of all the Europe missions by the Church president has closed an outstanding chapter in the life of this great Church leader, and has given great satisfaction not only to himself but to the 40,000 saints of Europe and of the entire world membership of 1,370,000.

Temple Predicted in 1906

Pres. Joseph F. Smith at a conference of missionaries in Berne, Switzerland, on August 19, 1906, at a time when he was touring Europe, predicted that "the time would come when temples of the Most High would be built in the various countries of the earth;" tho he or they might not live to see the day yet it would surely come to pass, he declared.

COUNTRY FAIR DAY

SEPTEMBER 13TH HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED AS OAKLAND WARD COUNTRY FAIR DAY. ON THIS DAY OAKLAND WARD EXPECTS TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY IN FULL ITS WELFARE ASSESSMENT.

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OAKLAND EXTENDS A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ALL ITS FRIENDS TO JOIN IN THE FUN ON THIS DAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.

ACTIVITIES START AT 5:30 P. M. IN THE OAKLAND RECREATION HALL.

Second Valume Being Mailed

"A Century of Mormon Activities In California" Vol. II, Now Completed

Leo J. Muir, editor of the monumental two-volume work on the history of the Latter-day Saints in the Golden State,, has written himself into immortality in completing the record of his contemporaries in California Church and their civic accomplishments. Vol. II is now in the mails.

The two volumes of "A Century of Mormon Activities in California" will now be distributed exclusively through the several stakes, wards and missions, so that they may utilize some of the commissions for their Church projects. The price of the set has

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Invitation to Liahona Campsite

BY THE LIAHONA CLUB.

In spite of the winter's damage to the Liahona Lodge (the lodge will be rebuilt in a short time) there're unequalled attractions on the Liahona Campsite of 15½ acres for camping by families and the Church groups during the months of August and most of September.

The Liahona Club cordially invites the Church membership of Berkeley and Oakland Stakes to avail themselves of this beautiful wooded acreage in the High Sierra free of charge. There are practically unlimited camping spots on the site where one may pitch a tent and set up a camp for a week or more.

On the Campsite are piped water, toilets, tables and benches, and several fire pits. The Utility House is being reconditioned and will offer showers, wash basins and toilets.

The Campsite is located on Clark's Fork, Stanislaus National Forest, 30 miles above famed Pinecrest Mountain Resort amid grand mountain peaks and bounded by Clark's Fork and Arnot Creek. A small stream, Liahona Creek, runs through the property.

Take Highway 50 from Hayward ,thru Tracy (or take the cutoff past Tracy) Escalon, Oakdale and then follow State Highway 120 thru Sonora and up the great Sonora Pass Highway past Pinecrest about 23 miles to the lefthand turn up Clark's Fork, then six miles to the lefthand turn into the Liahona Campsite.

Road signs, bearing the name, "Liahona Campsite, are now in place at the left turn into Clark's Fork, and at the left turn into the Liahona Campsite. New and larger signs are being made and a third one will be placed near Pinecrest at the Ranger's Station.

Besides the pleasures of camping on the Campsite, there will also be crews of LDS working on the new Liahona Lodge; any help given the workers, even for an hour or two, will not be refused, we understand. Take plenty of bedding for the nights can be pretty fresh, tho the days are pleasantly balmy.

OAKLAND STAKE

Oakland Stake News

By MILDRED FONTANO.

The Oakland Stake president, Delbert F. Wright, was again away, this time to Chicago and Minneapolis for General Mills. Leaving July 13, he spent some time with his son Pat and wife, Wanda and baby at Wichita, Kansas. Then to Houston, Texas, to visit his oldest son, Bob and family. Bob Wright is now administrator and personnel director of the Southwestern Blood Bank, Incorporated, of Houston, Texas. Living near Bob in Texas is the Frank Ricks family of three. They spend many happy week ends together.

RELIEF SOCIETY

The Relief Society Stake Board had a luncheon in the Alameda Chapel June 19 in honor of Delia Bates, who was released from the board to be counselor to Inez McFarland in the newly reorganized Elmhurst Ward Relief Society. An appropriate gift was presented to Delia. She has served four years on the board, as counselor to past president Hilda Perkins and as work director.

A lovely book was presented to Amelia Everett who has been longest on the board. She is being released soon at the request of her bishop to take an important ward position.

The Dimond Ward has a new Relief Society president; Rose Clark, with Mavis Humphrys and Chloe Call, counselors, and Ruby Donnley was a holdover from the last presidency which was Edna Torgerson, Hattie Robinson and Rose Clark.

AL MOODY VISITS IN ALAMEDA

Commander Al Moody was here recently on special government assignment and visited his sister Delia Bates and family in Alameda. He came from Washington, D. C., where he is head of the Washington Stake mission. He started the first branch of the Church at Annapolis when he was stationed there.

Al came to the coast to deliver a paper at the Institute of Navigation in San Francisco, representing the Secretary of the Navy. The paper was on weather science. In civilian life, Comdr. Moody is deputy director of the Navy's division of navigational science, supervising the writing and publication of navigational textbooks. He has been recalled into active duty for a limited time to handle this special assignment which will result in modification of some navigational procedure, it is said.

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Alameda Ward News

By RHEA GUSTAVESON.

The Bee Hive Girls, Alameda Ward, enjoyed an overnight outing in the back yard of the Charles Gustavesen home in July.

Following the dinner which the girls helped prepare, and the barbecue, a program consisting of stories, songs, drama, dancing and skits was held around the campfire. The girls arose early the following morning for a nature hike into the Park, a breakfast cookout and the filling of Honor Badges. Ruth Anderson was in charge of the group.

Each Tuesday night finds members of Alameda Ward actively engaged in summer projects. Among those enjoyed during the month of July were the All-Ward outing at Berkeley, the Sports Night at Lincoln Park, the "Fun Night" at which all the activities, including sports, dancing, drama, speech and music were included; the box lunch and the story festival. Watch the bulletin board for future MIA events.

Elmhurst Ward

By JOANNE PARTINGTON.

As I write this month's report of our dear Elmhurst Ward I am lounging beneath the lofty pines high in the Sierra at Oakland's Toulumne Recreation Camp. This is my explanation for not having a report from our Bishopric, and for the scanty news.

The most revolutionary event at Elmhurst in this past month, and in fact, in past years, was the removing of the evergreen trees from the front of the chapel. The members are not agreed as to the improvements and/or defects, but it has been pointed out that the entire building can at last be seen at one time.

Only two months ago we gained a very active member when Bill Atkins returned from his mission and we have now lost him to the Navy. May the Lord bless and keep and return him in good health.

Also on the going_away list is Jim Murphy, who left early in June to attend the BYU.

On the 6th of July one of the younger married couples, Elaine and John Krage, became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy.

Another of the big events was the second consecutive awarding of the attendance award to Elmhurst girls at the Oakland Stake quarterly conference in June. The presentation was made to Dana Brush as she is high in Elmhurst for the past 17 months—perfect attendance for 17 months! That's approximately 68 sacrament meetings, Sunday Schools and MIA's. Congratulations, Dana, and girls of Elmhurst.

Livermore Br. News

By FAY B. KERN.

Branch President's Message:— Yes, the Livermore Branch is surely being blessed these days. Some wonderful new people are moving into our Branch; we also have decided to start our Building Fund. Thanks to Miriam Edgren for the first donation. A paper drive will aid this fund and also many other projects. Tho small in numbers our spirit and faith is high; we know we shall complete our chapel. We are open for suggestions from anyone. Let's be sure to be able to say, "I helped build the Lord's house in Livermore."

Let us all live righteously and the Lord will always bless us.—BRUCE W. McLAUGHLIN.

The Relief Society of Livermore has a new first counselor, Georgia White, who is replacing Merle Creager. Thanks to Sister Creager for her services.

Our summer meetings at 10 a. m., the second Tuesday of each month, are going full swing. We are working towards a bazaar for this fall, under our Work Leader, Betty Henderson.

Betty Dunton, is the new teacher of the Kindergarten group, replacing Yvonne Creager. Since

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MIA June Conference Items

DR. AND MRS. CLARK GUBler, formerly of Berkeley and Alameda, were participants in one of the two road show acts selected to be presented at the All-Church Drama Festival at Kingsbury Hall.

Clark, who is in the Medical Research department of the University of Utah is rapidly gaining recognition throughout the country by his outstanding achievements and articles he has written. Both Clark and Maurine are active in MIA.

"THE HOUSE THAT JILL BUILT" was the theme used at the Annual Golden Gleaners' Banquet. Among the thousand who attended were Rhea Gustaveson of Alameda, first Honorary Golden Gleaner of Oakland Stake, and Lee Ashby of Dimond Ward. Mrs. Harold B. Lee was presented with an Honorary Golden Gleaner Certificate.

Apostle Lee pinned upon his wife the official insignia after which he gave the dedicatory address.

WE HAVE ONLY ONE READING Course Book in MIA for this year. It is the Book of St. Matt-

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Centerville Branch

By MARY CAMPBELL.

Sunday School and Sacrament: Both the Sunday School and Sacrament meetings have enjoyed a very good attendance notwithstanding many vacations. Last Sunday, July 13, the mother of Francis Winkel gave a very fine talk. We also enjoyed the visit of the Ross McClellans. Brother McClellan spoke and Sister McClellan gave a reading.

Relief Society: The last meeting of the Relief Society was held at the home of Marie Lindsay. Sister Ada Wiseman and Sister Brown of Castro Valley Ward gave demonstrations on making braided rugs and plaster of paris plaques. After a sewing period a pot luck lunch was served.

Primary: The Primary is still meeting every week, although so many children are away for the summer. Last meeting had as many teachers as children. The Sunday evening Primary Conference was held July 6. We are very proud to say our children did very well.

Oakland Ward News

By LOUANNE FINCH.

The members of the Bishopric are still earnestly working on the latest project of the ward, which is painting the outside of the chapel. It is just about done, however, and really looks beautiful. It was really a big undertaking, but it was well worth all of the time and effort.

Our ward baseball players have shown themselves to be real players. As I understand it they haven't lost a game this season. Hope the ward is doing well in supporting them on Monday nights.

Mike Warnick was one of two

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CHARLES STAMPS

Charles Stamps, committee chairman of Troop 16, Boy Scouts, Alameda Ward, and father of three first class Scouts, is credited with being one of the most active advocates and worker on the Liahona Campsite and Lodge. His troop spent a week in camp on the campsite in July.

Hayward Ward News

By ANN LIVINGSTON.

Bro. Max Macbride has been released from the Bishopric because of extra duties. Colonel Voss has been sustained in his place as the first counselor.

Ardene Granquist has been se-

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San Leandro Ward

By VERNA JACKSON.

San Leandro Ward again experienced a most successful dinner held in the Church recreation room July 18. The proceeds go to the Stake Welfare budget. Some 240 people were served. An excellent talent show was presented.

The various organizations of the ward are carrying out scheduled enjoyable and interesting summer programs. The Mutual swimming party and chili feed held in conjunction with the Elmhurst Ward drew a fine crowd of young people, not to mention the skating parties, watermelon bust, guest speakers for class periods, etc.

The children's Primary hour has been changed from 4 p.m. Thursday afternoons to 10 a.m. Thursday mornings. Make it a point to see that your child attends Primary.

Approximately 20 Boy Scouts from our Troop 15 will leave the end of July for their well-earned

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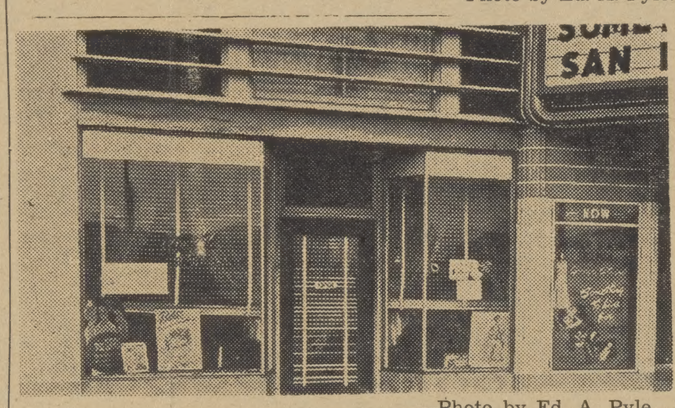

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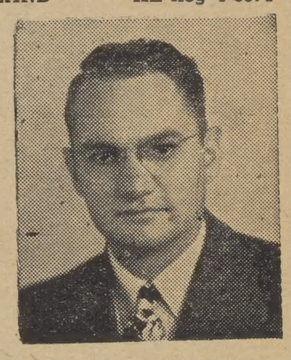

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San Francisco Stake News

FLAG-FLYING PRIMARY PARADE HONORS UTAH PIONEER DAY

By JEAN LAUPER.

Starting off with a trumpet call and will flags flying the annual Stake Primary Pioneer day parade began at 1 p.m., July 24. A police escort saw the parade safely along the several blocks of the line of march after which the children gathered in the stake recreation hall. With pioneer wagons drawn into a circle there the costumed youngsters heard pioneer stories, and enjoyed dancing to the accordion music of High Councilman Leo Jensen, with Blodwin Davis at the piano. Brother Jensen, a at the piano. Bro. Jensen, Lieutenant-Colonel in the army, brot his collection of four accordions which he played for the children's dance, explaining something of the history of the four instruments. Refreshments were served to the crowd.

The Stake Primary Board and many of the ward officers and teachers attended the convention held for this area in the Palo Alto Stake House. Sisters Parish and Lloyd were the visitors from the General Board.

A new member has been added to the Stake Primary Board. Sister Verna McDonald will work with the Trekkers and Trail Builders' Department.

Interesting news has come from Louise Winter, the daughter of Stephen and Gladys Winter. An actress by profession, she was selected as one of 20 actresses of the extensive Summer Stock theaters in the East, to give auditions before the top producers and agents in the Astor Hotel in New York City recently. These auditions resulted in a number of excellent offers to Louise; however, she will continue with the Boothbay Play House in Boothbay, Maine, where she has a contract for the season. In the past few weeks she has had the leading role in two important productions, "Personal Appearance," and "Second Threshold."

A delightful party was given for the mothers and daughters of the stake the afternoon of July 12.

Arranged by the State MIA Board, the guests were entertained by a brief concert of piano music played by Donna Turner Smith of Oakland.

Mrs. Smith is a beautifully trained artist, having studied in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York City. Immediately following the musicale a delicious buffet luncheon was served in the recreation hall. Pouring the hot mulled punch at the large table were Margaret Price and Elizabeth Trower. Receiving the guests were Stake President Veda Bramwell, Mrs. J. Byron Barton, Mrs. Ira Somers and Mrs. Wesley T. Benson.

Recent notable MIA Stake affairs were the Junior M Men and Junior Gleaner elections. J. Bonner Ritchie and Joyce Jenkins, both of Sunset Ward were elected to head the organizations for the coming year.

The Stake MIA Maid Magic Spring dinner was unusually successful. Held in the New Mission Ward building, under the direction of Afton Jensen, the lovely hand-made decorations of the table were a joy to all who attended.

The Stake Beehive swarm entertained the Beehive girls and their mothers. The important feature of the evening was the presentation of many awards. A program was given and refreshments were served.

San Francisco has been appointed host stake to a tremendous MIA convention August 16, and 26 members of the General MIA Boards will be here to give concentrated instruction to board members of six stakes in this region. Attending will be Stake Boards, Stake Presidents, high council advisors and ward bishops of the following stakes: San Francisco, Berkeley, Fresno, Oakland, Palo Alto and Santa Rosa. The instruction will be given in turn to the ward boards.

Plans for a course in music direction are being made by the Stake Music Director to start about mid-September. More details will be available later in August.

Balboa Ward News

It has been said that two people can do anything, as long as one of them is the Lord. The bishopric, along with the members of the Balboa Ward, feel that the Lord has certainly helped in obtaining the building site for our new meeting house. We now have deeds for the property on Shields and Beverly Streets.

The following members have been released from their duties with a vote of thanks: Corrine Howard as assistant ward organist; Reed Bailey as ward teacher supervisor; Rosalie Bailey as Beehive leader; Laura Pugmire as ward organist; Connie Swenson as Activity counselor in MIA; Martha Ingram as Sunday School Teacher.

Newly sustained members are: Reed Bailey as historical and membership ward clerk; Rosalie Bailey as secretary to bishopric; Corrine Howard as ward organist; Dorothy Simister as Sunday School organist; Dorothy Wegner as assistant Junior Sunday School organist; Evelyn Hansen and Anita Knight as teachers in the Junior Sunday School; Carla Civiello as assistant MIA accompaniest; Aurelia Taylor as Gleaner leader; Val Wegner as Junior Gleaner leader in MIA and Ed Wegner as coordinator for adult members of Aaronic Priesthood.

Recommends were received for Lester and Dorothy Lear and their sons, Phillip and Jon from Alexandria Ward, Washington, D. C.; Ed and Val Wegner and their daughters, Dorothy Ann and Karen Kay from Seattle Fifth Ward; and from San Francisco Ward Gordon and Carol Rae Kennington and Mary Hazel Patterson.

Relief Society President Sister Murray reports business and work meeting will held August 6.

Primary is continuing as usual combined with Mission Ward. President Koye Roberts is vacationing with her family.

The MIA has been enjoying a successful summer program this year. Parties galore and dancing every Wednesday night! On July 5 the Fireside group had a beach party, 43 participated and enjoyed hot dogs and root beer, etc. The group is now studying the Gospel thru the Anderson plan two Sunday evenings a month.

Dale Pearson, former activity counselor of Balboa Ward MIA is stationed at Fort Ord.

The Dale Nortons are moving to Marin County. Barbara has been the Junior Sunday School chorister. We'll miss you, Barbara.

Frank Heiss of Balboa Ward is stationed at Fort Ord. His mother and father visit with him and attend Church at the base, when Frank is unable to attend Sunday services at our ward.

Merle Morris is the new Scoutmaster for Balboa Ward and the Scouts are really going "great guns."

ELDER RAY WILLIAMS RETURNS FROM FRENCH MISSION

The Balboa Ward welcomed home one of our beloved missionaries, Elder Ray Williams, from the French Mission. Ray has been gone from us almost three years and he comes home with a most wonderful testimony of the Gospel. Elder Williams gave his report at Sacrament meeting July 13 and it was indeed inspiring to hear each and every word he uttered. He undoubtedly had a "full" mission and he thrilled the members of the ward, who, incidently, almost filled the chapel to capacity, with the song "Oh My Father," which he sang in French, after which he bore his testimony in French. Welcome home, Ray! May God be with you always.

Hayward Ward News

(Continued from page 2)

lected to act as ward chorister This means a choir is to be started in September. All members are requested to begin to practice their scales.

Russell and Luzetta Stuart had the great joy and privilege to take their family and go to the Idaho Falls Temple to do their sealing work. Russell is a recent convert to the Church.

The ward received a lovely letter from our newest missionary, Elder Dan Starks. Bro. Gene and Vivian Blackman were here for a short visit. Alex Graff, age 6, is to fly to Ogden to spend the summer months with her grandparent with the idea of going on to Kansas

Mary Webb, the mother of Clifford Johnston and the stepmother of Bishop Webb, is here from Idaho for a family reunion.

Cleo Madsen ,the mother of Hal Madsen, is visiting from Brigham City. Oneida Wilson with son, David, has flown to West Virginia to visit her home.

A stork shower was given in the home of Phillis Eustace for Cleoma Ostler. Kathylee Ray spent a month visiting thru Kansas and vicinity with the Loomis family. Burton Ray has started to barber college.

The fact that it is later than we think is brought home to us by the clock tower in San Francisco's Chinatown, with the inscription: "My son, watch the time and flee from evil."

Mission Ward News

The ward MIA were hosts to the ward at a picnic at Kelly's Cove on the beach July 25. Hot dogs and watermelon were enjoyed.

The Elders' Quorum sponsored an evening's entertainment Saturday, July 26, in their auditorium. An excellent program followed a hamburger and chili dinner.

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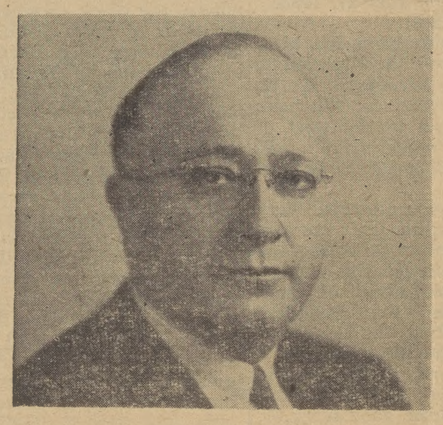

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Boy Scouts of America In Camp

If one hasn't spent days with a troop of Boy Scouts in some mountain camp, the chances are one has yet to relive one's own kidhood days as they really looked to our puzzled elders. We had the rare privilege of several days in the mountains last month at the Liahona Campsite where troop 16 Boy Scouts of America had set up a six-day camp.

Of the personnel we learned to admire three things: the scouts themselves, the scoutmaster, and the troop committeemen; of the activities three things amazed us: scout cooking and camp housekeeping; the scout endurance on a near-twenty mile hike; and scouts' endless energy for restless, boundless activities from seven in the morning sunshine until final silence at ten fell over their pup tents under the star-filed canopy of heaevn.

What vivacity and hilarity! What happy yelling, bantering, and boasting! What running, chasing and improvised gaming! And did ever ducks seek water more avidly than these young American hot-bloods sought the cool rivers and the camp showers? Did ever Indians roam the primeval forests more adventure-hungry than these foot-free lads roamed the stately growths of Stanislaus' evergreen pines, firs and spruces?

Such informal, unplanned, impulsiveness all the day long, and yet such mindful attention to camp regulations and recognized orderly procedures. Pup tents all in a perfect row, even and neat; sanitary observances and personal habits strictly proper; camp paths clearly marked and perfectly bordered by exactly parallel rows of retrieved pine cones. Tables, cooking utensils, food and individual dishes, knives and spoons washed and scoured and in proper place.

Old Glory floated on one tall planted pole and the scout flag fluttered on another, while at their bases was spelled out in cones the designation: "TROOP 16."

O how glad to make camp on the first day! Yet these boys away from mother and dad were as happy as pigeons to strike camp and set off for home and loved ones at the end of the six days.

To sum it all up, let's ask: "What did this camping experience give the boys?" Experience of living and working together amiably through rather active, rough and tumble hours; training in simple living in the open away from clattering gadgets and restrictive, precise rooms and settled ways; learning to prepare food; keeping clean without Mom's chiding; sleeping on the ground; and living a friendly care-free life where "the body's in action and in mind in fallow." Hurrah for the Boy Scouts of America!

Snow In the Forest

PAUL BARRUS, THE ARTIST who drew the picture which the Messenger reproduces above is a resident of Pittsburg, California, where he works as a guard at the Columbia Steel Plant. In stature Paul Barrus is large and powerful which seems to fit in with his daily work as a guard for a great company, but which seems not to fit in with the usual conception of the size of the artist. But in this case the hand that can wield an ugly club if occasion calls for it does actually wield the pliant paint brush in its dainty strokes against the artist's canvass.

Elder Barrus has won many awards at exhibits on various occasions for his carvings as well as for his oil and water color paintings.

By JIMINY

(Santa Rosa Stake.

You can take the boy out of the mountains, but you can't take the mountain)s out of the boy.—Rex Candland, Napa.

A sound I love—Have you ever been in the high mountains fishing, or hunting, or working and while there, did you ever hear a large herd of ewes and lambs going to the creek for water about sunup? The accumulated confusion of the anxious ewes keeping track of the lambs with their earnest bleating and the whole tone volume made weird by canyon echoes and wayward breezes, is—a sound I love.

Books are treasuries. They hold
A store more precious, far, than gold.
In their white pages souls have banked
A lifelong saving. Let God be thanked
That printers have the magic art
To catch a message from the heart
And keep it warm—a song from Ruth
Or Pilate's question: "What is the Truth?"—Author Unknown.

Wisdom is an illusive quality but desirable. Where would you look for it? On Nob Hill? In the college hall? At Fisherman's Wharf?

There was a paper boy in a city and one morning it was raining, the wind was blowing and it was cold. One observing customer asked him "How come you are always smiling and happy?" "Well," the boy laughed, "You have to be SOME way."

Breathes there a man with soul so dead
That to himself he hath not said,
While holding his hot and throbbing head,
These are my own, my native ills;
Give me no dope, no sweet pink pills.
For when I cough and when I sneeze
That's just what I p-pl-ple-please.
I would rather quick ka-choo-it
Than have to but k-k-kant_do-it.

....**Let us** put it this way. Suppose you are a lawmaker, the representative of a large group of your neighbors and you have a sincere desire to pass the legislation the people want; but the only time you ever hear from your constituents is when you step on their respective and tender, financial toes. All the rest of the time you might as well be dead for all the help the people give you in knowing what they want.

Now let us quit supposing. YOU have not let your representative know what you want! How can he possibly give it to you? Write him a letter, now; tell what you like and what you don't like. You can reach any of them by writing to Senator (or representative) Joe Blow, Member of Congress, Washington, D. C. Here are their names: William F. Knowland, Richard Nixon, Senators. Hubert Scudder, Claire Engle, Leroy Johnson, Frank R. Havenner, John F. Shelley, John J. Allen Jr., George P. Miller, Representatives.

Conflict Between East and West Is Religious, Not Merely Economic

By W. CLEON SKOUSEN.
(Selected Messenger Editorial).

"Many people have assumed that the present conflict between East and West is economic. This is enemy propaganda. The conflict is basically religious," W. Cleon Skousen of the Brigham Young University told members of the Salt Lake Rotary Club Tuesday, July 9, 1952.

He continued, "This was revealed by Karl Marx when he said, 'The democratic concept of man is false because it is Christian. The democratic concept holds that each man is a sovereign being. This is the illusion, dream and postulate of Christianity'."

According to Mr. Skousen, whether we like it or not, Communism has launched a new kind of "holy war." Communist philosophers have converted several million people to believe that it is their duty and destiny to destroy religion. This Communist motivation is too often overlooked.

The spirit of it was powerfully portrayed in the words of Anatole Lunacharsky, former Commissar of Education in the USSR when he said: "We hate Christianity and Christians;" even the best of them must be considered our worst enemies. They preach love of one's neighbors and mercy which is contrary to our principles. Christian love is an obstacle to the development of the revolution. Down with love of our neighbor! What we want is hatred. We must know how to hate. Only thus will we conquer the universe!'

"Today in our own land there are certain forces which would destroy the deep spiritual convictions of religion. We have reached that stage where it can be said truthfully that anything which is designed to destroy religion is a weapon for Communism. The issue is actually that clear," he decleared.

Mr. Skousen pointed out that the sooner we recognize the motivation of Communism he sooner we will begin rebuilding the spiritual forces of our people which are presently in a state of neglect and decay. In fact, the counter-intelligence agencies of the free world know that the secret weapon of communism is the growing belief in materialistic principles and indifference or cynicism towards the ideals America lived and fought for.

Our Readers Views

July 15, 1942.

Dear Messenger:

According to the Deseret News Church Section, June 25, the Moapa Stake in Nevada has a building program of great magnitude. They have acquired 12 acres of valuable property in the heart of Las Vegas and plan a stadium to seat 5000 people, a social hall and a gymnasium which will have bowling alleys, inside game courts, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a Boy Scout area, a picnic area and parking space.

I am wondering if we in the bay area are doing what we should for recreation. Maybe we're losing some of our young church members because they are enticed to other centers of recreation. We have rented basketball gymnasiums all the way from Emeryville to East Oakland from the city, the board of education, the Catholic church and other churches.

If we only had a "gym" of our own, think of the time our boys would save; time also could be allocated to the various teams for practice.

Our youth as well as the oldsters like to bowl. Yet we have to go to smoke-filled beer-dispenseries to do our bowling, or forego the pleasure.

As for a swimming pool, who wouldn't like one of their own; but of course, we're not movie actors. Can you imagine how nice it would be to watch swimming and not have mere children standing around blowing smoke in your face? It would be worth a lot at public amusement places not to see one race courting another. I know we are ALL children of God and I have no race prejudices (but I believe the Bible and it says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together."

Have you waited for hours at a tennis court hoping for a little exercise? Why not a place of our own?

We cry with all righteous people, "Save Our Youth." The Church has model recreational programs. Do we lack facilities to carry them out? Where could we get money for such a project? Where is Moapa Stake getting the money? Well, nothing is impossible with the Lord, we are told in Nephi.

We are asked to pray and fast that a suitable stake tabernacle location would be found. Well, let's follow our leader's advice and keep fasting and praying for a Stake Recreation Center that we will be proud and happy to call our own.

(Signed) "AN OLD FOGGIE."

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WORD FROM SCOTLAND
Glasgow, Scotland.
July 19, 1952.

Dear Brother Ball:

Again greeting "fra Bonnie Scotland." We have had a wonderful boost here in the coming of Pres. McKay to dedicate our building. You will note the items in the background of this great event in the "Historical Highlights."

Now that our labors here are over, we are being transferred to Liverpool (301 Edge Lane) England. Please send our VALUED Messenger to us there. We are happy to leave here some splendid fruits of our labors in addition to work on the building and in the Branch. I counted eight fine people that I have baptized in the front section of our large audience in the dedication meeting. It will be hard to leave them and our many friends both within and without the Church.

Our daughter, Patricia, will go home with George who is coming this way from Tahiti. The four Hilton missionaries will look at a few spots in Europe before they sail about September 1. Ruth and I will stay for special work until February 1953, or later. All's well and we are very grateful for our blessings. Had a wonderful visit from Rufus and Winnifred Phelps. Our best to you and all the readers of the Messenger.

As ever,
THE SCOTTISH HILTONS.

P. S. We have just received our transfers to 301 Edge Lane, Liverpool. A "special assignment" awaits us. It was from this historic city that my four grandparents sailed for U.S.A. What a blessing to us, their children!

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Salt Lake City, tUah.
June 27, 1952.

I. B. Ball,
1612 Spruce Street,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Brother Ball:

We have been interested in obtaining information pertaining to the Messenger and President Wright has sent word that you are the editor and the one to whom we should address a letter.

"The Messenger" is a church paper which gives a great deal of church information. As such, we feel that it should be on file in this office (The Church Historian's Office) where it will be permanently preserved with other church material.

What steps should we take to have this office added to your mailing list? Could you also tell us how long this paper has been published and whether or not any past issues would be available. Thank you for your interest and help in this matter.

Sincerely,
EARLE. OLSON, Librarian.

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Hayward, California.
July 6, 1952.

Dear Brother Ball

The beautiful print of my picture, "Be Not Afraid," in the Messenger that came Saturday made me very happy. It was clear and beautiful and has in this short time brought to me many lovely comments.

Indeed Brother Ball, the entire piece is a tribute to my efforts which I shall always treasure.

I am glad that it was my esteemed friend, Brother Ball, who gave me this pleasure. How thoughtful of you to send me extra copies which I can use to send to friends who will appreciate them so much.

With deep feeling,
ARCHIE INGER.

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Brother Ball: You have asked for comments from reporters regarding the new set-up of the Messenger. I like the BIRTH and DEATH columns being combined in this new manner, but I can't think the combination of SOCIETY news from all stakes is an improvement. One has to read of so many, many people they don't know at all before they find an item about someone they are interested in. I rather liked personal items included in the ward columns so that when I want to know what my friends in Dimond, for example, are doing, I can read that particular column and find out.

I have noticed, too, that several times the same information of people's travels has been repeated in the same column because of the size of the Society section.

It's just a thought, Bro. Ball, but I have heard comments from others too, to this effect.

—VERNA JACKSON, S. L. Ward.

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July 17, 1952.

Dear Bro. Ball:

Inclosed find 50c for a year's subscription to the "Messenger." Having lived in the Oakland Stake for 16 years, the Messenger has grown to be a part of us; so until we can feel we are as much at home here in the Orland Branch of the Northern California Mission as we did in Oakland, we still want to get the news of all our friends in Oakland and Berkeley.

Sincerely,
THERESA SIMS.

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WORD FROM THE R. O. PHELPS IN LONDON.
Ipswich, Suffolk, England.
July 27, 1952.

Dear Brother Ball:

Just a note to have the Messenger sent to 149 Nightingale Lane, Balham, London S. W. 12, England from now on. We have been transferred to the west of England this week, which will give us new experiences in new places.

We are enjoying our work very much, but during the vacation season it is rather slow. We had a nice visit with Hiltons in Glasgow at the dedication of their chapel. We also saw President Hilton in Sheffield the other day.

We enjoy the Messenger as it keeps us abreast of the news in the other stakes as well as our own. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely Your Brother,
(signed) R. O. PHELPS.

Discover Wheat

(Berkeley Gazette, July 21, 1952).

We have purchased a grinder and a bushel of wheat and are enjoying wonderful biscuits, muffins, macaroons, etc., as suggested in your pamphlet. Notice decided improvement in digestion and want to thank you for telling us about it. (Mrs. K. L.)

Answer—The pamphlet WHEAT TO EAT tells why and how to use plain wheat in the everyday diet. For copy send stamped, self-addressed envelope to Dr. William Brady, care of Berkeley Gazette, Berkeley, California.

STAKING A CLAIM

By DENNIS L. LAUPER.

Someone has said, "There is nothing so constant as change." While most of us agree with this in principle and readily admit that **change** is a part of everyday life ,still we often find ourselves resisting it—either actively or subconsciously.

We have a tendency to cling to the old—and not readily give up old ideas or ways of doing things. We don't like **changes** and as in the words of the song we say, "It was good enough for father and it is good enough for me."

A case in point is the unwillingness of many Church members to change membership from one Ward to another. Some Saints persist in attending a certain Ward of their choice, even though they are obliged to traverse the town to do so. There are even some cases where individuals have moved to an adjacent Stake but continue to attend Church in the old Ward.

This is contrary to Church policy and creates a very difficult administration problem for the Ward and Stake authorities. Church officials concede that **attendance at Church** (any Ward) is the importantthing but point out that there is a right and wrong way to do it, as in anything else.

The continuous growth of the Church calls for the creation of new Wards and Stakes from time to time. The interests of the Church membership are best served in small units. When several families fail to attend the Ward they live in, it tends to make some Ward congregations too large and others too small. This is the reason the General Authorities have decreed that "residence determines Ward membership."

While serving as Bishop, I observed that most families love their old wards so much that they regret leaving them and "losing their old friends," as they say. The same spirit is manifested by returned missionaries who have become partisan and testify that they were in "the best mission in the Church." Yet after associating in the new ward for a while they develop an equally strong attachment and learn to love their new friends just as well as those they left in the old ward. Instead of losing friends—we may add to our list of choice acquaintances as we move from one place to another. After all—**it is the same** Church.

In this, as in other matters on which we are instructed and advised by our Church leaders, if we promptly and cheerfully comply it saves later heartaches and regrets. In the case of one family that had continued to attend a ward other than the one they lived in, they one day found their son ineligible to play in the Church's basketball tournament because of the strict rule requiring each team to recruit players only within its Ward boundaries. Activity in the Ward in which a person lives is one of the prerequisites for selection of stake and ward officers. There are a number of advantages to being "a member of record" in the ward you live in besides the convenience of transportation—but the most important reason is that it is the program of the Church which we are expected to uphold.

Inasmuch as we all have our free agency and right of choice, it appears to me that one of the best ways to effect compliance to the residence rule is through inclusion rather than exclusion. We all enjoy being where we are wanted and welcomed. To have someone call on us and invite us to attend the new ward "breaks" the ice and makes us feel at home. Such was my happy experience, when after living in the ward for 16 years, I moved my family to a new ward where we were hardly settled before our new bishopric called on us en masse to welcome us as members of their flock.

Dimond Explorers

(Continued from page one)

6:30 p.m., the descent being made in five hours, less than half the time of the slow ascent.

The 26-mile round-trip climb from Whitney Portal to the mountain's lofty summit took the three Oaklanders from a 9,000 to a 14,496 level on a beautiful July day where the view reached points hundreds of miles distant. Closer at hand were seen Death Valley and the peaks of Yosemite.

Summarizing the Mt. Whitney climb, Ted Hilton reported much snow on the trail; the trail all but obliterated in many places causing the hikers to lose their way at times; one snow pack crossed with only the parties' jackets and sweaters tied together to serve as a safety rope. Yet withall, the two tired Explorers and their senior leader, pronounced the climb one of the greatest thrills of their lives and a challenge that will no doubt be accepted by other adventure-loving Explorers as time goes on. The word, then, is "Excelsior!"

News and Views on the Book of Mormon

By THOMAS STUART FERGUSON, L.L.B.

Some very important developments have been taking place recently with regard to external evidences sustaining the Book of Mormon. About three weeks ago a Mexican archaeologist discovered in Southern Mexico an important religious symbol which greatly strengthens the Mormon position. He discovered a well-preserved representation of the "Tree of Life." This discovery was made in the excavation of a buried temple in the great ruined city of Palenque (modern name of the place) in the State of Chiapas, Southern Mexico, in the heart of Book-of-Mormon lands. This is the third carving of the "Tree of Life" symbol found in this region of Southern Mexico. It is a most elaborate and technical symbol, representing the love of God.

Its full meaning and significance is clearly described in the Book of Mormon, as no where else. It will take you but a moment to read the important references in the Book of Mormon. May I suggest that you pick up your Book of Mormon now and read I Nephi 11:25, 15:21_22; Alma 12:21, 42:1-5.

The Mexican archaeologists themselves refer to the symbol as the "Tree of Life." As yet they do not seem to realize that these Mexican "Trees of Life" are in all respects identical to some the archaeologists have found in Bible lands, from whence came Book-of-Mormon peoples.

Irene Briggs, a Latter-day Saint student at Brigham Young University, recenly wrote a Master's thesis devoted to the Tree of Life symbol. It is an important paper in connection with Book of Mormon studies. She illumined her thesis with illustrations showing the remarkable parallels between the Bible-land symbols and those found in Southern Mexico. Nowhere else in the New World have these symbols been found, except in the Maya country in the southernmost part of Mexico and Northern Guatemala—the very area the Prophet suggested as the possible location of Zarahemla. More and more it appears that Joseph Smith's opinion on the location of the central Book of Mormon lands was a sound one.

On the basis of such developments in recent years, and such discoveries, it appears to be a likely possibility that positive, factual evidence will be found in Southern Mexico and Guatemala, establishing the truthfulness of the Nephite record.

There is a rather good possibility that in the next few years archaeologists will find modified Hebrew or modified scripts in the region. This would establish the identity of these early colonizers and will greatly strengthen the Mormon position in the intellectual word.

We are daily expecting to receive a copy of Thor Heyerdahl's new book, "American Indians in the Pacific." I have been corresponding with Heyerdahl (author of the now-famous "Kon-Tiki"). He tells me that this new book, 1000 pages in length, will demonstrate that there was a white race in Southern Mexico and Guatemala many hundreds of years before the coming of Columbus. The book will, therefore, greatly fortify the Book of Mormon claim that there were Israelites in Middle America from 600 B. C. until 421 A. D.—with a large segment of the people surviving into past-Book-of-Mormon times. Heyerdahl has promised an author's copy to me and it is awaited with great interest. I will review it for Messenger readers when it is received.

*Times and Seasons Vol. III, p. 710, 1842; History of the Church, Vol. IV, p. 524.

Bk of Mmn News Views.

A Kind Word For Our Reporters

Larger type for ward news; a real editorial page; a "Society section; wider seven-column pages; and nearly double total paper space—these more recent Messenger features have ben most generously commended on every hand.

Messenger readers of this August issue will note more white space between the lines of reading matter; heads in larger type; freer use of "boxed" articles; and our first classified section arranged for greater ease in consulting the services of our advertisers.

Items that have not, perhaps, been too obvious are the three columnists that are contributing each month on the editorial page challenging observations; the series of original paintings done by our east bay artists. reproduced on the same page.

No doubt the space devoted to "Our Readers' Views" is generally enjoyed, and ,as times go on, will be more freely filled with letters from our readers.

For general information, may we add that the Messenger of Northern California, which started with a thousand or two small-sized copies serving one stake, printed over 6500 copies of the last issue which went into every home of record in Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco and Santa Rosa Stakes, and besides to all stake presidencies and bishops in Palo Alto, San Joaquin, Sacramento and Gridley Stakes and to the General Authorities of the Church.

Thanks For "Them Kind Words"

It is just possible that the readers of the Messenger may not always be cognizant of the real services of our ward and stake reporters. Perhaps the readers who occasionally miss their own ward's report, better appreciate this bit of local news than those readers where the ward reporters never fail month after month.

No doubt the wide coverage of weddings, showers, travels, births, deaths, graduations, personalities and general social news —all filling our new "Society Page," gives the observer a good over-view of the diligence of our reporters who gather and report all these varied items from our four stakes.

The stake reporters' services are truly outstanding.

Therefore, hail to the family of 38 ward and branch reporters, and to our four stake reporters for work well and faithfully done.

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San Francisco—Staff Sgt. and Mrs. William E. Babers with their small son, Paul, arrived recently from Japan. Mrs. Babers, the former Aline Farnsworth, and her son are staying with her parents, Brother and Sister Lester Farnsworth, until housing is available at Camp Roberts to which Sgt. Babers has been assigned.

July 15 the Stake Presidency and their wives, with Dell and Lillian Clawson, and sisters Parish and Lloyd of the General Primary Board as special guests, attended the Ice Follies. Before the performance the guests met at the home of President and Sister Barton for a delicious supper.

Little Mary Louise Erekson of Holliday is visiting with her grandparents, President and Sister Barton.

Josephine Danford, magazine director of the Relief Society board has gone by train to Utah where she will meet her son and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Dick Danford of Mill Valley and join them in a trip to Yellowstone Park.

Sister Oral Elder, stake supervisor of the welfare sewing entained July 18 at a beautifully appointed luncheon. Guests of honor were the sewing supervisors of the wards; 16 were present.

Sunset Ward feels keenly the loss of Willard and Jean Barton, who, with their small daughter, Anita Louise, have moved to a new home in the Westlake district,. Willard has been first counselor to the bishop in Sunset; this move will change his membership to Balboa Ward.

PERSONALITIES

Hayward Area

DR. LEO J. PARRY is really the pioneer member of Hayward Ward, having been active in the affairs of the branch and ward since 1926. He was teacher of a Book of Mormon class which was held in homes of Brother Collins and Parry previous to the organization of a branch at Hayward in 1928.

As chairman of the building committee he was largely responsible for the selection of the site for the chapel and much of the design of the chapel. He is very proud of the chapel which has been erected by the members of the Hayward Ward.

Dr. Parry made the trays of the Sacrament service. He also built the 17 benches as used by the Junior Sunday School in their assemblies and 89 chairs and six U-shaped tables used in the classes of the Junior Sunday School and the two younger classes of the Senior Sunday School; and later he built the pulpit for the new chapel.

CLIFFORD E. JOHNSON and his wife Sarah have been very active in the Church since their residence in Hayward which began in 1926. They became active in the Church shortly after the organization of the first Sunday School. Both of them have been in office much of the time since. Sister Johnston has served very capably for a number of years as secretary of the Relief Society and also Sunday School secretary and at times has been a Sunday School teacher.

BROTHER JOHN RAY TRUSCOTT and his wife Cecil, of Newark, California, were among the early members of the Hayward branch. Bro. Truscott at one time was a member of the Sunday School Superintendency. Cecil is an accomplished pianist and served for several years in the office of Branch organist or Sunday School organist.

W. T. WEBB, former ward bishop, is an old time member of the Hayward Ward, having moved here in 1927 when his father's family moved to Hayward. Later on he resided in Oregon for sometime. On August 1, 1943, he was made Bishop of the Hayward Ward and has served in that capacity since that time.

OWEN L. STEWART should be included in any list of pioneer members of the Hayward Ward, not that he was one of the early day pioneers, but because of the fact that he was the first bishop of the Hayward Ward.

Bro. Stewart and his family moved to Hayward in January, 1936, and on February 2 of that year became second counselor in the branch presidency under Dr. Leo J. Parry. On October 31, 1937, he became the first bishop of the Hayward ward and served in that capacity until August 1, 1943. Since that time he has served as Sunday School teacher, Stake missionary, member of the stake high council and with Sister Stewart as a missionary in the Northern States Mission with his headquarters at Springfield, Illinois.

SHOWERS

Alameda—Natalie Reba was converted to the Church in Alameda Ward, then moved to Oakland. We are happy to hear of her coming marriage. Her girl friends surprised her with a lovely bridal shower July 17.

Claremont—A bridal shower for the former Susan Anderson, now Mrs. Calvin H. Simons, was given by Joan Bybee and Mary Eldredge at the latter's home.

The recent marriage of Margaret Wells to Herbert Schory was honored July 17 by 25 of her Claremont friends at a shower at the home of Miriam Ellsworth.

Concord—An expectant shower was given at the home of Norma Erikson in Concord in honor of Winnifred Spuler, Monday, July 14. Hostesses, Norma Erikson and Nellimae Tamer planned an enjoyable evening for 20 guests. Those who attended were: Majorie Crooks, Donna Bates, Bette Evans, Dorothy Matthews, Janice Evans, Lee Ashby, Marilyn Smith, Beth Pierce, Lois Cook, Evenlyn Hilton, Maxine Hilton, Mary Shurtleff, Carol Shurtleff, Billy Joyce Miliron.

Graduation

Claremont — Congratulations, to Enid Wood and Orval Ellsworth of Claremont Ward, upon their graduation from Berkeley High School. Like honors are shared by Jeanie Reiche, Mildred Anderson and Delbert Ellsworth, who graduated from Willard Junior High.

Rodeo — Arrangements have been completed so that Dorothy Wanlass may enter BYU this fall. She was enrolled while on vacation in Utah.

Births

E. Richmond—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Leavitt of East Richmond, are the proud parents of a new daughter, Christine Joyce, born July 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire (Pete) Peterkin of East Richmond Ward announce the birth of their first child, a son, weighing 8 lb. 6 oz., born July 14.

San Francisco—Born to Paul and Janice Thompson, June 5, a daughter, Leslie Lynn. Paul, who is in the air force, is stationed in Florida.

Martinez and Concord—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Prichett, July 3, Rebecca Lynne, 8 lbs. 7 oz. Mrs. Prichett is the former Pat Easton. There is also a bigger sister.

A third boy was born to the Meryl Skidmores July 9, named Byron Cornell; weighed in at 5 lbs. 15 oz.

The Greeleys have just had another lovely baby.

Rodeo — The Littlejohns of Rodeo Branch have a lovely little daughter, Diana Lynn, born June 20.

Jack and Leila Binkerd, formerly of Rodeo Branch, send news from Salt Lake that their new baby boy, Blaine, arrived June 19.

Congratulations to the Vernal Horns for a new daughter, Annette, born June 27, their third little girl.

On July 12 a new baby girl gladdened the home of Clyde and Alice Redmond, making two daughters and two sons for the Redmonds.

San Leandro—An official welcome is extended to the new baby daughter of Del and Donna Carter. Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended also to Richard and Lovina Bednar on the arrival of a baby boy.

OBITUARY

San Leandro—Our sincere sympathy to Fred Haycock and family in the sudden passing of his mother in Panguitch, Utah.

San Francisco—The Louis Allen family were saddened by the death of Sister Lillian Allen's mother, Sister Edith Bloomquist, July 18. The evening before she had been taken to the hospital with a heart attack; altho her condition was not considered serious she passed away suddenly the next morning. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, July 20, with President Barton as the principal speaker. That evening the Allens left for Inglewood for the interment.

SCOUTS

Scout Troop 131 of East Richmond, are meeting at the Bledsoe home for archery practice. Come on fellows, let's go!

Comings and Goings

Mission Ward — Visiting our ward this past month were Mr. and Mrs. Grant Christensen, their daughter Berit and Grant's mother, Mrs. Sarah Christensen, all of Provo, Utah. Grant and his family were very active in Mission Ward while he was studying dentistry here.

Visiting the Arthur D. Challises this past month have been their son, Dr. Don Challis of Bountiful and their daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Milgate and small daughter of Salt Lake and Mrs. Daisy Freeman, sister of Mrs. Challis.

Mr. and Mrs. Louise Celentano and son Louis have just returned from two weeks at Yosemite.

Centerville Branch—Sister Marie Lindsay is in Berkeley, caring for her grandmother for two weeks.

Sister Myrtle Gibson is enjoying a visit with her sister, Sister Richins from Burley, Idaho. She is also expecting a visit from her brother, DeVerl Richins and his friend, J. Neilson, both of whom expect to leave for overseas shortly.

Sister Green's sister and her daughter from Santa Cruz, visited her recently.

Sister Ruth Hunt and Patsy have been returned from Boise, Idaho. She left her son, Bobbie, there for the rest of the summer.

The Pugmires, Stedmans and Alsops left Wednesday, July 16, for a three-weeks vacation in Utah.

The Jed Oxborrows have just returned from Idaho. They took Bro. Oxborrow's sister, Sybil Terry and son, Joel, back home and left their two children in Idaho.

Brother Francis Winkel has taken his mother and two sons for a trip through Oregon. Brother Winkel's mother is from Richfield, Utah.

Orinda — President Emery R. Ranker, Mrs. Ranker and daughter, Elaine, recently returned from a four weeks' extensive tour of the United States and Canada. They first vacationed with their daughter, Jean, (Mrs. Paul Gardner), where the center of attraction was three_month old granddaughter, Nancy Lee. Son-in-law Paul Gardner, a nephew to Bishop LeRoi Gardner, attending Harvard Business School in Cambridge, has recently been appointed Branch Clerk at the active Cambridge Branch where the Rankers attended Sunday meetings. President Ranker spoke at the evening meeting. From Boston they traveled through the New England states and to Quebec (where they learned to speak French) and westward through Canada, to Glacier National Park, and finally down the Redwood Highway to Orinda.

Santa Rosa—Mrs. Mabel Schick and daughter, La Vel of Santa Rosa, are visiting relatives in Souhtern Utah with a tour of three temples, Logan, Idaho Falls and Cardston, being planned.

Clyde Vaughn and family of Santa Rosa recently returned from Kentucky where they had been visiting the parents of Bro_Vaughn.

Harold Wood and wife recently drove into Santa Rosa a new Chrysler they had purchased in Michigan. While there they visited their daughter and son-in-law.

Evelyn Remele of Salt Lake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Remele, is visiting her parents in Santa Rosa.

Bryce Orcutt of Santa Rosa is spending two weeks at Boys' Scout Camp.

Returning recently from Salt Lake and June Conference were Naomi Cheney and Maria Remele. Sister Cheney spent a few days visiting her daughter and son-in-law in Denver and Sis. Remele spent a week doing temple work before returning to Santa Rosa.

The Harry Orcutts of Santa Rosa spent a week end in northern California. They recently returned from a hurried trip to Canada attending the funeral of Sister Orcutt's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peterson of Santa Rosa and their family are enjoying a three-weeks stay in Utah.

Vacation time beckons the Carl Hartups of Santa Rosa. They are enjoying the beauties of southern California.

Claremont Ward—Pat Mower, who has been attending Yale and whose parents are members of Claremont Ward, blessed his new baby girl, July 6. . . . Bro. and Sis. Freeman, from Southern California, enjoyed their visit with their son, Bob, and his family. . . . Mary and Harold Eldredge of Clarmont Ward entertained the Eldredge twin sisters for two weeks. . . . Bro. and Sis. Keith Loosle and family, from Salt Lake, are visiting their daughter, Darlene Dangerfield.

Mary Brown is visiting her son, Jay, ward clerk of Claremont. . . . Glenna Lowry Melzer and her baby boy, Dwight, from Southern California, are spending three weeks with Mrs. K. D. Lowry.

Edna Cardwell of Claremont is vacationing in Los Angeles. . . . The Whitney Dunfords are in Utah combining a pleasure trip with business.

The H. M. Ellsworth family spent two weeks visiting friends and relatives in Utah and Idaho. Delbert Ellsworth is spending the remainder of the summer in Idaho. . . . Enid Wood of Claremont is visiting her sister, Lenore, in Utah. . . . Donnie Anderson and her small daughter, Andrea, left for a month's vacation in Utah and Canada, July 18. . . . Ella Krabbe and her son, Richard, spent a week in Salt Lake.

Bro. and Sis. George Bain enjoyed a three weeks vacation in Utah. Highlights of the trip were their visits to the Manti and Logan Temples.

San Francisco—Ed and Florence Costa, with their son, are vacationing in Utah and Idaho. They will go through the Idaho Falls Temple and plan to visit at least one other before their return home.

David and John, the sons of the M. L. Allreds, are spending six weeks with their grandmother in Ephraim, Utah.

Rodeo—M. L. Wanlass and family are in Utah for their vacation, visiting their many friends and relatives.

Adrianne and Clark Fails and their little son, went to Utah in late July for several weeks' vacation. For the period of their absence they have turned their home in Rollingwood over to our full-time missionaries.

Another Utah visitor is El Mae Lane, 'teen-age daughter of the Edwin Lanes of El Sobrante.

Bob and Margie Hayden and daughter, Kathy, spent a two-week vacation in the mountain areas of California and Oregon, first stopping at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dimond Ward—Melva and Austin Rainey had an extended vacation after being sealed in the Salt Lake Temple; spent a week in Logan and Richmond, visiting frends and relatives; went to Lava Hot Springs in Idaho, to Las Vegas with Melva's relatives; then to Los Angeles.

Walter M. Smtih and his good wife Olga, of Dimond Ward, spent three weeks visiting Sister Smith's relatives in Iowa, Minnesota, Omaha, Nebraska and Casper, Wyoming, coming home via Utah. At Casper they visited the Old Fort of the pioneering Mormons and felt strongly that more should be done to preserve that historic pioneer camping ground.

Alameda—Lee and Addie Schow just returned from vacationing at Cedar Breaks, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park and Lake Meade at Boulder Dam. Addie first met Lee in New York City when he was in U. S. service in World War II, on his way to Europe. They had a quick courtship then and were soon married. Later, when they moved to Alameda she joined the Church. Congratulations for their temple marriage at Logan this July. They have one lovely young daughter.

Sisters-in-law, Fannie, Bessie and Ann Tuttle of Alameda just returned from a trip that took them from Mexico to Canada and from coast to coast, including Washington, D. C. Niagara Falls and Utah, nearly one month's touring.

The Ralph Lanes of Alameda have spent much time at their lovely mountain cabin at Twain-Harte on the Stanislaus. Reed Schow of the Alameda bishopric and his family were guests there after visiting Yosemite.

Hayward—Margaret McClellan and daughter of Hayward spent their vacation at her brother, Stanley Stuart's home in Sacramento. He is the son of Owen and Mary Stuart of Hayward and teaches in the Sacramento Junior College. He is also bishop of one of the Sacramento wards.

Balboa Ward—Vacationing in Salt Lake City for a month, is Douglas Hovik, son of Brother and Sister Leon Hovik. Douglas left with his uncle and aunt,, Byron and Ardeen Hovik, formerly of Balboa Ward.

The Wegner family have just returned from a 2½ years' stay in Seattle and have enjoyed coming back "home" again as they lived in Balboa Ward before leaving.

The Messenger Reporter for Balboa Ward, Ida Miller, is vacationing with her family for the summer.

Lois Smith and family are on vacation.

The Frank Young family are vacationing for three weeks in Southern California thence thru the canyons in Utah and on to Salt Lake City.

The Charlie Naumans spent a vacation in Utah, lasting three weeks.

Sylvia Moulton, Laura Pugmire and Val Wegner represented the Balboa Ward at MIA Confernece this year. They stayed over a few days to visit with relatives in Salt Lake City and vicinity.

Brother and Sister John Preston enjoyed three weeks vacationing in Reno and the Redwoods of the Northwest.

Fred Grow of the bishopric made a quick trip to San Diego while on his vacation. He brought his mother and brother back with him.

Mary Sernack has just returned from an extended trip to Chicago. She was with her husband and son Henry.

Miss Jo Anne Olson of Salt Lake City is spending the summer with her sister, Alice Leidecker of Balboa Ward. Jo Anne is an active Junior Gleaner.

Dr. Pierce and Helen Nelson left July 24 for a vacation at Lake Louise, Canada.

San Leandro—Hal and Doris Hansen and their family are combining business and pleasure at Blaine, Washington, on Puget Sound.

Ethella Glomb is visiting her parents in Virden, New Mexico, while her husband Edward is attending reserve training at Hunter Liggett Military Reserve in California.

Bishop Jackson and family plan to spend the first part of August in Yosemite with their son, Bill, who is employed at the Camp Curry dining room for the summer.

Mack Griffith, son of Lew and Rayola, recently underwent a serious operation on his leg. We understand he is getting along fine and extend wishes for a speedy recovery.

Al and Alice Brennan and their two daughters are spending a vacation in St. George, Utah, with their families.

Frances Lauper, wife of Marc C., together with their three little girls, are summering in Chicago with Frances' parents.

Julia Sylvester, wife of Ralph D., and their children, are spending a month in Eureka, Utah.

Concord and Martinez — Dee Bates have just returned from a wonderful trip to the Idaho Falls Temple.

Congratulations to Ken and Fern William. They have returned from their vacation, the highlight of which was their first visit to a Temple. They went to the Arizona Temple and as far as Texas.

The Dan Drumilers returned in July from a trip to Utah. They spent some time in the Temple as is their custom.

The Wayne Walker family, Shirl Copelands, Blenn Hills, Bob Spears and the J. D. Terries have had a wonderful time swimming, sunning and especially fishing at Silver Lake and the surrounding country.

Hattie Vom Dorp has just arrived home from Salt Lake City. Her son, Robert, recently arrived home from another ocean voyage with the Navy. He will have a week or more at home.

Bishop Evenson and family returned in mid-July from a two weeks' trip at Mt. Lassen where they all enjoyed fishing and other wonderful sports.

The Steve Abbotts enjoyed some fishing a few weeks ago, high up in the mountain streams.

The Kenneth Skidmores have recently returned from a week's camping trip. The day of their return, Lora's neice, Carol Larsen, arrived from Salt Lake City for a week's visit.

The Gordon Barneys are spending two weeks in Delta, Utah, getting that Utah tan and country atmosphere.

Bob Nielsen is spending his vacation teaching at Columbia again this summer. His family is staying in Bountiful, Utah.

Merle Hult was honored by his six fellow deacons and two adults at a birthday party at Mitchell's Canyon. After devouring nine pounds of hamburger, one-half gallon of ice cream and two cakes, the boys finished off the evening with swimming.

Sports

Lt. Col. A. T. (Goldie) Gardner, 60-year-old British auto racing ace, will arrive in Salt Lake City August 6, to try for a number of new racing records on the famed Bonneville Salt Flats.

Horace Critchlow, who is arranging for Mr. Gardner's visit, said the Briton will drive a six cylinder supercharged MG Special, making an assault upon 48 national and international auto racing records.

Mr. Gardner holds most of the 70 existing land marks which he will try to better during the August 12 to 23 Bonneville runs. In case of inclement weather, during August, the period September 1 to 14 has been reserved for Mr. Gardner to make the runs.

Livermore Br. News

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Mildred Medsker has been vacationing in Missouri, Georgia White has filled in as Sunday School Secretary, until Georgia went to the hospital to give birth to a new baby boy (Glen Steven). Then, Steve, her husband, took over.

Caroline Cole has been assisting in the Primary class. We hope to have her as a teacher before long.

Venis Clark was released as Sunday School superintendent last Fast Sunday.

The Primary appeared as an entry on July 24th parade. A party will be held in cooperation with the Centerville Branch for all children of Primary age, at a time and day to be announced later.

Elder Hal Hales, one of the former missionaries is expected to spend his vacation here, starting July 23rd.

Steven White has been set apart as the Social Leader of Livermore Branch. We want to thank Russell Kern for his splendid service in this field.

Welcome, Roy Creager, back to activity in the Branch after having a long illness.

The Everett Keith Berensens have a new baby girl. They already have a boy and a girl.

Sister Mildred Medsker has had illness in her family. We are wishing them a speedy recovery.

WEDDING BELLS

San Francisco—Several weddings of interest are planned for the late summer. First on the calendar is the marriage of Madelyn Smith of Sunset to Evan Hunter of Mission Ward. August 11 is the date and the ceremony will be performed in the beautiful and historic St. George Temple. Following their return from a brief trip a reception will be held in Sunset Ward. Madelyn and Evan are both stake missionaries. Evan has also filled a mission for the Church in Eastern Canada.

In September another ceremony is planned .Tillie Allen and Norman Dunn will travel to Manti for their Temple marriage.

Don Davis and Betty Lou Matson are happily showing off Betty Lou's engagement ring. They have also selected September as the month of their wedding.

Mission Ward—Lesly Ann Petree, a recent Golden Gleaner and queen of our Stake Gold and Green Ball, will become Mrs. Kenneth Klippel, Wednesday evening, August 6. A Temple wedding is planned later when Mr. Klippel will be free from his military obligations. 'Good luck Lesly and Ken.

Beverly Allred, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Wallace N. Allred, announced June 20, her coming marriage. The groom is Frank McKell Wheelwright Jr., of Provo, Utah They will be married here August 22 and intend to make their home in Provo. Mac, who has been stationed at Hunter's Point, plans to continue his schooling at BYU now he is out of the service. Our best wishes go out to two grand young people.

Claremont—A proud groom and a lovely bride received warm welcomes at Claremont Ward. They are Neil and Liahona Christensen.

Richmond—Norma Passey and Jim Armstrong were married in Reno, May 30 and are now living in Richmond.

Jene Passey and Mark Evans were also married in Reno, July 4. Mark, a sergeant in the Marine Corps, is presently stationed in San Francisco where the young couple are now living.

Martinez—Marilyn Ann Larsen of Salt Lake City has chosen late September for her wedding to Robert Vom Dorp of Martinez. After their marriage in the Salt Lake Temple and a honeymoon trip through Southern Utah they will be temporarily at home in San Francisco where Bob is serving with the Navy.

Berkeley:

Carolyn Johnson, daughter of J. Edward Johnson, has announced her coming marriage to Harold Elison De La Mar in the Salt Lake Temple August 13. The reception will be held at the LDS Institute of Religion, 2368 Le Conte, Berkeley, Wednesday, August 27, from 8 to 10 p.m.

One week later than the marriage of Carolyn Johnson in the Salt Lake Temple, will see Leanore Ream married August 20, in the same temple to Raymond Morgan. Leanore's reception will be held at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Ream, at 606 The Alameda, Berkeley, Sunday, August 24.

Liahona Lodge To Be Rebuilt

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gineer, is conferring concerning the details of the new design Funds are already assured.

Special appreciation was expressed to "Bill" Clements of San Leandro as building director, to Howard Dunn as consulting engineer, Clyde Lindsay, president of Centerville Branch, who has spent one week end at the campsite and will give another as will several other club members.

Many Church members and friends who are not Liahona Club members have come forth with offers of help, including Lon Sorensen, Ed Cox and Tony Clark. Thus, it is pointed out, the spirit of reconstruction is spreading because of the fact that the Liahona Campsite is designed for the general benefit and enjoyment of all the LDS youth of the East Bay, in common with the members of the Club and of the Church in general.

Thomas Stuart Ferguson, attorney and archeologist, gave the club a report of his appearance on the program of the American Archeology Society last May when he read a paper entitled, "Joseph Smith and American Archeology."

Alameda Scouts Make History

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think one of the best things I have heard for a long time and a thing for which I shall ever be grateful to the boy who spoke it, was a Scout's statement at our Bonfire party when asked what he thought about the Liahona lodge and campsite. He said: "Why bother about a few broken boards on your lodge when we still have all this land to camp on and all these mountains and these canyon streams and the trees. Gee, that's all anybody needs anyway."

Liahona Committeeman, I. B. Ball: I was impressed with the order and cleanliness that marked the food care, preparation, serving and cleaning up; the system in camp layout and its sanitary provisions; and the observance of good order and abundant good nature under every condition of sunshine or rain.

Conclusions: Boys in camp love the Scout discipline and merit badge requirements and they likewise love periods for untrammeled, spontaneously conceived play, wanderings about the forested campsite, bathing in the streams and washing under the showers.

Boys in camp take delight in cooking their own flapjacks, hot chocolate and hot biscuits, using ready-packaged preparations and dried milk.

Some boys express a desire to become professional cooks as a life work. The two-patrol cooking program worked well, detailing half the Troop for kitchen duty on alternate days.

Nothing goes over so big as swimming, or just splashing about in a stream or under a shower. Boys, like water-buffaloes, love the water holes.

Liahona Campsite proved itself an ideal mountain spot for group camping: ample space with stately forested trees interspersed by open play areas; abundance of water in Clarks Fork, Arnot Creek and Liahona creek, besides the piped culinary system; encompassing high peaks challenging the ambitious hiker; high mountain lake distant only a 6-mile hike; Dardanelle Resort only 9.6 miles away where riding horses are available; Pinecrest Resort with large Strawberry Lake for boating and bathing, only 30 miles away.

Oakland Stake Softball Schedule

Oakland vs. Hayward—6:45 p.m.	August 11, 1952
Maxwell Park vs. San Leandro—8 p.m.	August 11, 1952
Alameda vs. Dimond—9:15 p.m.	August 11, 1952
Castro vs. Bye	August 11, 1952
Elmhurst vs. Bye	August 11, 1952
Alameda vs. Castro Valley—6:45 p.m.	August 18, 1952
Dimond vs. Maxwell Park——8 p.m.	August 18, 1952
Eilmhurst vs. San Leandro—9:15 p.m.	August 18, 1952
Oakland vs. Bye	August 18, 1952
Hayward vs. Bye	August 18, 1952
Elmhurst vs. Castro Valley—6:45 p.m.	August 25, 1952
Maxwell Park vs. San Leandro—8 p.m.	August 25, 1952
Alameda vs. Bye	August 25, 1952

Second Volume Being Mailed

"A Century of Mormon Activities In California" Completed

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been pegged at $15.00, plus the sales tax of 45 cents. These organizations may now communicate directly with Elder Muir at 1814 South New England Street, Los Angeles.

Volume one is historical and volume two biographical. The scope and faithful execution of the work may be judged from the fact that over 950 pictures are found in the second volume. The paper is of the more expensive quality necssary for the adequate reproduction of the engravings. The work contains 980 pages and 750,000 words besides the 750 pictorial illustrations. The binding is in rich navy blue fabricord.

Doctor Emery R. Ranker of the Berkeley Stake presidency comments on "A Century of Mormon Activities in California:" "You have made notable recordations of the growth, development, progress and successes of the Mormon people in California, individually and in groups. I marvel at what you have done and the excellent standards of the accomplishments."

W. Aird Macdonald, former San Francisco and Oakland Stake president of the California Mission, says: "I am amazed at the volume of information you have compiled, and the painstaking labor that it has involved."

"It is a first requirement for the book shelves of every LDS California home," concludes W. King Driggs, well known musical composer and leader.

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BERKELEY STAKE

Berkeley Stake News

PRIMARY

At the Oakland-Berkeley Primary Stake Convention held in the Oakland Chapel July 9 and 10, there were two visiting authorities from Salt Lake, Mary Parrish and Leah Lloyd. The evening meeting was exceptionally well attended by parents, bishops and Primary officers and a very timely message was given to parents of Primary age children.

Each ward in the stake is holding summer Primary programs. The schedule, effective for summer months only, is:

Berkeley, Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Claremont, Wednesday, 2 p.m.; E. Richmond, Thursday, 10:30 a.m.; Concord, Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Martinez, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.; Pittsburg, Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Richmond, Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Rodéo, Tuesday, 2 p.m.; Walnut Creek, Wednesday, 10 a.m.

On August 3 the Primaries of each ward will hold Primary-Family night at Sacrament Meeting. Messages will concern our sacred family relationships. Family groups will participate as well as individual Primary children.

RELIEF SOCIETY

The Relief Societies of the various wards are holding monthly work and business meetings. Stake Relief Society President Sister Vera Mahew reports that the welfare assignments were completed last April and new assignments will not be received until the end of the year for 1953.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Calvin Wood, Missionary son of Bro. and Sister Don C. Wood, has reached his field of labor in Texas. His address is: Box 22, Salfurrias, Texas. When Cal arrived at the Mission Headquarters in El Paso he was hospitalized for three days due to a severe case of poison ivy which he contracted in Utah before leaving for his mission.

Ronald (Bud) Stone Made Counselor in Mission Presidency.

Appointment of Alfredo Meijone and Ronald . Stone as new counselors in the Argentine Mission presidency was announced in July by President Harold Brown.

Elder Stone comes from Berkeley First Ward in California and has been an outstanding leader among the missionaries since his arrival in this mission. He has presided over two branches and two districts and organized the most outstanding mission chorus and orchestra in the history of the mission. He had his own orchestra in the San Francisco Bay area when he was 18 years of age and continued with this group until he left for his mission.

The 17-piece orchestra formed in the mission with missionaries, members and friends participating, became so popular that many requests for important engagements had to be refused. The culminating performance of the chorus was an Easter Cantata presented to approximately 600 people at the April Conference. Elder Stone has a B.S. degree in business administration and is particularly well prepared for his work as administrative counselor in the mission presidency. He is now released and will be home this month.

EUNICE HARMON KNECHT, daughter of President Harmon, currently living at Ft. Bragg with her husband, is now writing news script for the local radio station. She covered the Republican Convention for that station.

President Harmon Attends Democratic Convention.

Stake President W. Glenn Harmon left Thursday evening, July 17, with approximately eight delegates from the Oakland-Berkeley area for the Democratic Convention in Chicago. A special Santa Fe train, made up in Oakland carried the 64-68 California delegates to the convention, picking them up at various points on the southern route.

JUNIOR RANCH PARTY

Berkeley Stake Junior M Men and Junior Gleaners enjoyed a ranching week end July 18-20, at the horse and turkey ranch of J. Edward Johnson between Orinda and Tilden Park. Activities included swimming at nearby Lake Anza, horseback riding, hiking and exploring, and campfire fun.

On Sunday, the Junior M Men held Priesthood meeting, then, together with the Junior Gleaners, held Sunday School on the ranch house porch. After a final dinner the group returned to their homes at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Those participating were: Joy Aschmann, Carolyn Braby, Joanne Briggs, Dolores Chase, Virginia Chase, Bonnie Davis; also Orval Ellsworth, Jay Fitt, Kay Franz, Janet Hill, Kent Jarmon, Cheryl Johnson, Raymond Lane, John Reiche, Carol Thulin and Maurine Wells. Boyd Eskridge, Stake Junior M Men Supervisor, was in general charge of arrangements. Besides Bro. and Sister H. M. Ellsworth, who were at the ranch throughout the week end, a number of parents and friends paid visits.

Pleasants Hill Ward

Bishop's Message: The Church has an inspired Welfare plan,. An organization thru which we can help ourselves and each other as the need arises One basic part of the plan is to provide a year's supply of food and clothing in each home. Some wonder if another general depression will strike. Others confidently predict such a calamity. In any event it behooves us all to remain as free from debt as possible, to provide a supply of food and clothing and to have reasonable emergency fund to meet a possible individual depression, resulting unexpectedly from sickness, accident or loss of employment. Let us all heed the Lord's advice. Let us use intelligent foresight in these plans. May the Lord bless us all in wisely providing for our families.—BISHOP JOSEPH R. HILTON.

Primary: Three Guides were presented to Bishop Hilton in Sacrament meeting, July 13! Donald Cleveland, Roger Rassmussen and Larry White. They had completed all requirements for graduation from Primary.

"How to recognize an unloved child," was a specific topic discussed by Maurine Perona, Trailbuilder teacher, during the two-stake Primary Convention, July 10. This was part of a panel conducted by Sister Mary P. Parrish of the Primary General Board.

MIA: The MIA wishes to welcome two new Junior Gleaner teachers, Arnell Clark and Shirley Leavett. They started off with a bank by working with Baliff Evans in taking the Junior Gleaners and Junior M Men to the Ice Follies, Thursday night, July 17. Maurine White is the dance instructor for our MIA and has a full time planned for each class this coming dancing season.

The Special Interest class, under the direction of Blanch Cherrington, is indeed having the time of their lives. They have had two activities already this year. Attending the "Straw Hat Review," and dinner dancing at Treasure Island is what you are missing if you are not attending your Special Interest class. Let's all go to Mutual.

We wish to welcome Baliff Evans back after his week's stay in the hospital.

Elders' Quorum: Castle Rock Park, July 11, was the time and place for a most enjoyable picnic for the Elders and their families and friends. Swimming, hot dogs and watermelon were all on the program.

Ward Softball Team: A hot series of five games between Pleasant Hills and Walnut Creek are underway with P. H. winning two games and Walnut Creek winning one game. The winner of these series will compete with teams over the hill. Come on fellows and let's not forfeit games because of lack of players.

Rodeo Branch News

By MARGIE HAYDEN.

Branch President Wanlass has received a letter from the first missionary to go out from our Branch, William R. McKay. "Bill" finds his work in the Mexican Mission very rewarding.

Phil Lewis gave an interesting report Sunday morning, July 6, on the June MIA Conference which he attended. He also referred favorably to the Liahona Campsite where he and his family had spent their July 4th week end.

Our youth leaders are to be commended for their work with our young people's Choir which sing for us each Sacrament meeting.

Added to our Primary staff are Virginia and Sharon Kersey. Virginia teaches Blazers and Sharon the pre-Primary children.

Our newly arrived fulltime missionary is Elder Roy Menlove of Payson, Utah.

Martinez Ward News

By NETTA C. SKIDMORE.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cornell and Norman Cornell have been in Concord visiting their daughter and family and sister, the Meryl Skidmores.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald O'Day returned in July from a wonderful trip to Bend, Oregon, and through the Crater Lake country.

Mr. and Mrs. Geherty are here for summer work: he was chosen as the outstanding junior in the Intermountain west in chemistry and is down here for special training course.

The Mulmbergs have recently arrived here to make their home. He will be with Shell Chemical. They hail from Salt Lake City.

The Star Broakbanks are joining our ranks; they come from Provo, Utah.

The Armstrongs from Provo, Utah, have joined us "Concordites." He has always been a very active church man and Eagle Scout.

The MIA Maids have recently completed a new ward directory which will be out for members to purchase this week.

Concord Ward News

By ELLEN COOK.

Bishop's Message

By IRA J. MARKHAM.

The law of sacrifice is a cardinal principle of the gospel of Jesus Christ, spiritually and socially.

The more we sacrifice for our children ,the more we grow to love them. Likewise, children appreciate their mothers and fathers or brothers and sisters as they unselfishly do something to help them. Similarly, if one sacrifice time to work in the Church or make personal sacrifices in order to pay tithing and offerings, he or she will overcome the common spirit of selfishness and will grow in stature to what the Lord would like us to become.

The more we sacrifice, the more we grow to love the Lord and to place your trust in Him, feeling peace and a contentment in life that one can get in no other way.

It is a wonderful summer for fun. The MIA recreation program helps people really enoy-themselves with the swim at the pool every other Saturday where the whole family can participate; and the meetings for different age groups. Plans are under way for excellent regular class work in the fall.

The music for Sacrament meetings has surely added much to the spirituality of the evenings. Last week Brother and Sister Blain Wilson of Hayward sang for us. Brother Wilson is the tenor soloist for the Mormon Male Chorus.

New members who have joined our ward are: Jerry Weist, from Salt Lake City, who is working in this area; Brother and Sister Grogarty, also from Salt Lake City, who are with us temporarily. Attending the University of Utah, he was chosen from the Junior class to come here and work for Shell Chemical Company, returning to Utah in the fall. They talked to us in Sacrament meeting last Sunday. We are also happy to have Brother and Sister Malmberg and their three children from Salt Lake, already busy in ward activity.

The Boy Scouts in mid-July enjoyed an overnight camping trip south of Stinson Beach. They were accompanied by their Scout Leaders, Allen Peterson and Glenn Hill and also Kenneth Gilliam and Brigham Young. Scouts will be able to pass their cooking tests. They will also enjoy swimming and fishing.

The Adult Aaronic Priesthood group met Sunday evening at the home of Owen Cook. Two of the Lady Missionaries, Sister Dalby and Sister Grouthers, showed a colored film of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and also told of some of their plans for meeting people and presenting church literature and church doctrine to them.

San Leandro News

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camping trip to Diamond-O. Good luck!

Allan Davidson is aboard a Navy shop and has recently visited Hong Kong and Japan. Dick Ewald, presently with the Marines, left for overseas duty on the 20th.

We welcome all visitors and newcomers and hope they will feel at home among us and find friendly associations.

Walnut Creek News

By VIRGINIA UFFENS.

Bishop's Message: Today, when it requires real effort and struggle to obtain a livlihood, and much stress is placed upon the dollar, let us balance our thinking and keep in mind that the most priceless gift of all is the message of our Savior, peace. This gift cannot be purchased; it comes from God, our Father.

Our new chapel has had preliminary approval of the General Authorities; we hope and ask that all members purchase a part of this chapel for themselves and families to be dedicated to the Lord.

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Several of our youths have won scholarships and wards of merit this year, including Loretta Dalby, Joyce Johnson, Elaine Ranker, Marilyn Hanson and Nick Snel. Bravo—all of you!

Ladies, don't forget: every Thursdoy is work-day for the Relief Society Bazaar. Let everyone get in and help.

Pioneer Day was celebrated on July 23 by the Primary in a "Round the Block" parade with costumes and decorated toy wagons. A special spiritual program was enjoyed later.

Wednesday evenings have been taken over by softball. Hurrah for our side. The Pleasant Hills group have been giving us some stiff competition. Come and root for the home team.

Your young people are in good company when they attend the Church functions, Spiritualized activity is a vital need these days. Come with your youngsters and enjoy the activities planned for you by the MIA this year. Come one, come all.

Oakland Ward News

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fellows selected from Piedmont High School to go to Sacramento for "Boys' State" this year. He is the only LDS boy from this area. Congrats to you, Mike.

Molly Anderson became Molly Fletcher last month; a nice wedding reception was held for her and her husband on the 28th of June in the Oakland Ward Recreation hall. Best of luck!

The Oakland Ward Mutual held a swimming party on the 15th of July at the Fremont Pool. After a healthy swim they gathered at the home of Brother and Sister Higham for scones. Sister Violet Higham is the Gleaner teacher for the ward.

Roma and Cal Kuhri, formerly members of the ward, are proud parents of a baby boy, David, born July 1.

Nickie Reba, former member of the Oakland Ward, was married in June to Robert De Lonzor in the Logan Temple. A shower was given for her on the 16th of July by Violet Higham.

Jay Sorenson and Norman Stockton were made Seventies at the last conference. We know they will be a great addition to the quorum. Also, we congratulate Mike Warnick and Frank Higham on becomming Priests recently.

mountain west kids are like that . . .

LIGHT ENOUGH TO TOTE

I was in a clothing store this week and heard a young man making arrangements to buy a suit on long-term credit. I then heard the clerk say: "There will be a slight carrying charge."

The young buyer quickly answered, "That won't be necessary; I'll carry the suit home myself."

Oakland Stake MIA

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hew. Every member of the Church is urged to read or re-read this book. Other good reading material has been suggested for each age group.

SISTER EMILY BENNETT of the YW General Presidency stated at the camping session held at Mill Creek Canyon that under the direction of her mother as an MIA project the first girls' camp in the United States (as far as they had bee nable to ascertain) was set up at Liberty Glen in 1912.

SEVENTY YOUNG PEOPLE come into the ranks of MIA each day—quoted Assistant Superintendent King.

"MIA IS A YEAR 'ROUND PROGRAM." This has come from the first presidency—don't question its wisdom. The young people want it. Those who do not are the lazy leaders.—Pres. Bertha Reeder.

BE ACCURATE AND PROMPT in getting out reports—many girls are crying their hearts out because of **delinquent leaders.**

MANY QUESTIONS HAVE come in regarding mixed swimming parties. The general authorities have advised us that there is no record of them ever denying the young people this privilege," said Sister Reeder. "However," she added, "Guard this privilege well; see that our youth is well chaperoned and that they maintain standards. If used wisely this can be a wonderful opportunity for recreational activity."

SPEAKING OF STANDARDS, Sister Longden again made an appeal regarding our halls. She said, "Lights softened, but please not darkened. We want to be able to see our beautiful girls and our handsome young men."

ADVICE WAS GIVEN THAT we should USE OUR BUILDINGS. "Keep our halls lighted especially on Saturday nights. Have a place for our young people to go. Mutual isn't just a Tuesday night affair, it is for week-end night recreational events. Your buildings are not pretty if they can't be used. Teach young people to care for facilities BUT USE THEM. We don't care about satin draperies—we do care about our girls and boys."—Pres. Bertha Reeder.

PRES. FLORA SEARS OF THE Oakland Stake YMMIA entertained her ward presidents at a delightful luncheon, Friday, July 11. Many vital problems pertaining to MIA were discussed and much new information given. The table setting represented the four MIA seasons and projects for each were decided upon. Each ward was represented.

Evaletta Thompson, former Y. W. Stake president of Oakland is now serving as Y. W. Stake President of Bonneville Stake. Their presentation, "The House That Brigham Built" was chosen as part of the All-Church Drama Festival. The Thompsons, Russell and Evaletta, are to visit in Oakland during August.

Rhea Gustaveson in July spent some time camping on the Russian River.

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ABOUT W. GLENN HARMON

Did you read in the Knave section of the Tribune recently regarding W. Glenn Harmon? A speaker was at a loss to find a suitable name for the man who used to put soap on the faces of customers before the barber gave them a shave. Glenn Harmon supplied the missing name from his place in the audience—"A soft soaper." Glenn, we hope you didn't need any soft soapers at the Democratic Convention!

"Y" GRADUATE NAMED UTAH "QUEEN OF '47"—DIMOND WARDER CONTEST JUDGE

LaVon Brown, a petite brown-haired graduate of the Brigham Young University was selected from among 95 candidates who presented their charms of the annual contest in the Hotel Utah. She teaches Sunday School and sings in the ward and school choruses.

Austin Rainey of Dimand Ward, Oakland Stake, was chosen as one of the judges for this contest. He reports that it would have been easier to choose 95 queens as they were all so lovely. Barbara Benson, daughter of Elder Ezra Taft Benson was among the contestants.

In the afternoon following the contest Melva and Austin Rainey were guests of Max Carpenter, manager of the Hotel Utah, on the Roof Garden.

MORMON CHAPEL TO START SOON

The Oakland Tribune, July 16. Construction of the $150,0700 Mormon Church center on Fremont Avenue, the Niles-Centerville Highway, will begin shortly and is expected to be completed within two years, according to C. W. Lindsay, president of the Centerville Branch of the Oakland stake District of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Seven and a half acres of apricot and cherry orchard on the Rezendez ranch, including one dwelling, has been purchased for $30,000. The site was approved by Apostle Henry D. Moyle of the LDS Church.

Architectural plans are now being studied for the group of buildings which will house worship, educational and recreational activities. The local center will be the ninth in the Oakland district, said to have about 15,000 members.

The Centerville Branch has about 200 members now meeting in temporary quarters in the Odd Fellows Building at Irvington. Lindsay, Newark contractor and subdivider, is president. With him on the building committee are Dan Bodily, Francis Winkle and Andy Hunt, all of Niles and Dr. James Robertson and . R. Truscott, both of Newark.

So far as is known, this is the first Mormon chapel in Washington Township since that built about 1850 by John M. Horner, who came to California aboard the Good Shop Brooklyn in 1847, arrived in Mission San Jose to become one of the area's notables in the development of what is now Washington Township. With Henry Clay Smith, he founded New Haven and Union City, now Alvarado, and is credited with many "first" in the area.

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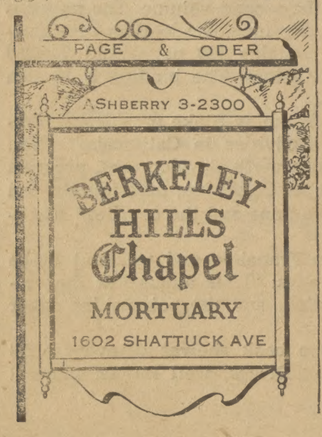

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Napa Ward News

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

SOFTBALL

Napa Ward is proud of its Senior Scout softball team which so far this year has defeated all comers regardless of age. The boys expect to enter the regional softball tournament of the Church which has been tentatively set for late August in Sacramento, according to team coach Bill Chambers.

Team members include Bill McBride, catcher; Clifford Olive and Larry Conley, pitchers; Jimmy Stubbs and Wayne King, first base; Boyd Hancock, second base; Bob Keller, shortstop; Jim Duff and Bill Conley, third base; Bob Smith and Leon Smith, right field; Mills Greenshaw, center field; and Gary Scott and Wayne Hancock, left field.

Church teams that have been beaten by the Napa boys include Fairfield, Vallejo First and Second Wards, and Santa Rosa Ward junior and senior teams.

Brother Chambers said the boys are willing to play any Church team within Santa Rosa Stake for the right to represent the stake at the regional meet and also for possession of any trophy which the stake athletic department might wish to provide.

FIRST GRANDCHILD

President John L. Murdock and Sister Murdock have just become acquainted with their first grandchild. Mary Ann Murdock Mendenhall and her baby daughter have been visiting with the Murdocks at their Napa home.

PRIMARY JULY 24

On Thursday, July 24, the Napa Ward Primary had a special program commemorating Utah Pioneer Day with all the children taking part.

Theme of the program was "Entertainments the Pioneers Enjoyed While Crossing the Plains." Most of the children came in appropriate costumes and used dolls, wagons and other materials made in Primary to portray the Pioneer Life.

At six p.m. ward members gathered at the picnic area at Conn Dam for a potluck supper and games in observance of the day.

NEW HOME

Bishop's counselor, Rex Candland and Naomi Candland will soon be able to welcome their friends to a new home in Alta Heights directly across the street from the site for the ward chapel. Bishop Allan Woolley and his men are building the home which is ultra-modern and has a very attractive and handy plan.

VISITORS

August first visitors at the James C. Young home in Napa are Mr. and Mrs. Frank World and daughter, Darlene, of Price, Utah. The Worlds and Youngs were long time neighbors and Church coworkers in the Utah town.

Other summer visitors at the Young home have been Mrs. Young's sisters, Mrs. Florence Pitts, accompanied by her husband Doyle Pitts and their family, also of Price; Mr. and Mrs. Clay Allred and family of Salt Lake City; and Mr. and Mrs. John Young and family of Palo Alto.

BUILDING AND ACTIVITY

A rummage sale to raise Napa Ward Building funds will be held August 21, 22 and 23.

On September 4, 5 and 6 the Napa Ward building committee will present a full slate of the best in carnival entertainment at the Napa Fairgrounds. This will not only give Church members of the entire bay area a chance for an end-of-summer holiday weekend but will also permit them to aid in the building of the Napa Chapel.

EZRA TAFT BENSON.

Elder Benson Dedicates Meridian Ward Chapel

Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve, came back to his own Boise Stake, in Boise, Idaho, where he had at one time presided and dedicated, July 22, a $149,000 ward chapel in one of the stake's progressive units, Meridian Ward.

The stake president today is Charles O. Dunn while the ward bishop is Grant C. Cluff.

Lakeport Ward News

By MAUD PEARSON.

All the news this month concerns the priesthood. The Elders' Quorum held a picnic July 1 at Southwick's Mill at Willits; six qeople from this branch attended, traveling nearly 60 miles each way.

The Elders and some of the Aaronic Priesthood members featured an all-day workout on their project, July 19, building fences for their stock. The Relief Society will serve dinners.

We welcome to our branch Brother and Sister Bryant from Boise, Idaho; also Brother and Sister Swenson and family from Alameda. Sister Woodcock and her two lovely daughters, July and Pat, are also newcomers to our Branch. We are glad to have them.

Santa Rosa Ward

By IMOGENE ALLEN.

Bishop Cloyd R. Moss and his counselors, Ken Kenworthy and Joy Brisco of the Santa Rosa Ward, wish to thank all the members who so willingly contributed to the purchasing of the Welfare Farm. Without the support of people who in ten days' time, raised the $6,000 needed the farm could not have been a reality.

The Welfare farm is the former Philip Bargo Ranch, located north of Fulton on Bosordi Lane. It consists of 47.55 acres of prunes and grapes with a few pear and walnut trees.

Many sacrifices were made by the members participating in this project. A widow sold a bond being saved for her children; another family, unable to sell their home, collected enough for their allotment, gave it and their house sold the next day. Youngsters opened their savings banks, contributing money being saved for bicycles, baseball bats, etc. A beautiful saddle horse was sold so another family could contribute. This is the Welfare Plan in action; much is in store from further developing of this farm.

The Primary organization was recently reorganized with Hazel Candland, Florence Hall and Ella May Canway sustained as the presidency.

The Zion boys and girls of the Primary and their teacher, Jeanne Edwards, spent a fun-day at Doyle Park.

Mrs. Lois Kenworthy was recently released from the presidency of the YWMIA; Marilyn Soderquist was sustained in that position.

A fun Hobo-hike was recently made by the MIA Maids with swimming and dancing added, all ably guided by their teacher, Marilyn Soderquist.

The ward officers recently feted retiring ward clerk, Keith Willison, with an out-door party. Klyde Peterson has been sustained as ward clerk. Brother Peterson moved here recently from Utah with his wife and baby son.

Myrna Stoddart is the new assistant secretary for the Sunday School.

BERKELEY STAKE

Berkeley 1st Ward

Denzel Allen has gone to Hawaii again for the California Packing Company's fruit packing season. Denzel is a supervising chemist for this great company and has filled several foreign assignments for them in the Philippines and Puerto Rico as well as the Hawaiian Islands.

Stanley Patton is home again from the hospital and reported gaining steadily.

A ten-day camping period on the Liahona campsite was enjoyed by I. B. Ball in early July. While spending his time with carpenter tools, building camp tables and benches for common use, he reports the unique experience of sharing the scoutmaster's tent during the whole period, since Troop 16 of Alameda had set up their summer camp on the Liahona Club's mountain site.

Three M Men and three Gleaners spent the July 4th week end camping at Liahona Campsite. Dave Fry, Dave McClellan and Dave Bramwell, Joan Miller, Dawna Ericksen McClellan and Georgia Harker comprised the party. Sunday School in camp saw the first two Davids at the Sacrament table. Also spending the week end at the camp were the A. D. Ericksens, the family of Dr. and Mrs. C. Ronald Smith and the Phil Lewis family.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers gave the program for Berkeley First and Second Wards on Sunday, July 27, at the Sacrament meeting hour. Anna Patton and Edna Brinton spoke.

Parents of children aged two to four will be pleased to learn that starting early in August, these younger children will be separated from Junior Sunday School shortly after the preliminary exercises and brought together for special training, headed by four teachers. There will be stories, songs and activities for these tiny tots.

Effective July 6 the schedule of meetings is as follows: Sunday, Ward Teachers' Report meeting (first Sunday only), 9:00 a.m.; Priesthood 9:40 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Fast Meeting (first Sunday), 11:00 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Relief Society, 10:00 a.m.; MIA,7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Primary, 4:00 p.m.

Hilda Gardner, who returned to Berkeley June 25 from a tour of several countries in Europe, reports that the trip was of special interest from several angles. First, the people on the trip were mostly LDS since the whole thing was under the sponsorship of the Vida Fox Clawson travel agency of Salt Lake City.

Second, because of the LDS character of the group they made LDS contacts in the different countries, calling at the mission homes and in some cases meeting the mission presidents, as Elder Cannon, who presides in Frankfurt, Germany. They visited Rufus and Winnifred Phelps in London.

Visited were Italy, Belgium, Holland, Germany, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Sister Gardner left Berkeley, April 25 and was gone three months.

● Mary Nielsen of Berkeley First is on a trip East to meet her missionary son, Laddie Dean Rice, who is soon finishing his time in the Central Atlantic States Mission Mary was joined by her sister in Salt Lake City, who will make the round-trip by auto with Mary.

● Russell and Hazel Ball and three children have returned to Berkeley from their year's stay near Tennessee's atomic plant at Oak Ridge. They stopped on the way home in Logan for a visit with Hazel's folks. Having sold their former home on Channing Way they are understood to be on the hunt for a three-bedroom house in either the First or Second Ward. Russell's sister, Marcelle and husband Ray Karpus, recently moved from Maxwell Park Ward and purchased a home on Norvell Street in El Cerrito, being members now of Berkeley Second Ward.

● Dave Moss, president of our Elders' Quorum and for years in the spudnut and restaurant business, has moved to Los Angeles where he will enter into a new type of business, representing a large New York manufacturer of better soaps and detergents. We shall miss Dave and Donna greatly.

Claremont Ward

By JULIA BARRETT.

Tom and Annie Rogers are leaving Claremont Ward after many years. They have built their home in Sebastopol and will be in it July 17. Bro. Rogers had much to do with the building of the stake's Bishops Storehouse and has been the custodian. Annie Rogers has been a Sunday School teacher and a Relief Society visiting teacher. Gladys Hayashi, a close friend of the Rogers, expressed what the members of Claremont feel, "The departure of the Rogers from the ward will be a great loss, but the memory of their willing service and faithfulness will remain." A group of friends presented them with a gift and bade them farewell at their home, July 16.

The Relief Society has been reorganized, but not without a special vote of thanks to past president Rose Gleason and all of her officers and teachers for their splendid work. The new officers are: President, La Vern Bain; First Counselor, Vera Reiche; Second Counselor, Christa Hatt; Secretary, Darlene Dangerfield; Organist, Florence Millward; Chorister, Anita Hancock; Magazine Agent, Rose Gleason; and Visiting Teacher Topic, Bessie Burdett. The new teachers are: Theology, Julia Barrett; Social Science, Donnie Anderson; and Literature, Miriam Ellsworth. President La Vern Bain stated, "Everyone knows how wonderfully well Rose has done; I hope that I can do as well."

Christa Hatt has been released from the stake mission after serving in that capacity for six years.

The ward welcomes Eric Raynor and Cecil Bowling as members of the Church. They were baptized July 5.

Home from the "Y" are Mary Ellen Carr and La Prele Badouin. Both girls expressed the strong desire to return in the Fall.

Bob Freeman and his family are leaving for Boston the end of July. He has been offered a position at MIT. Bob and his wife, Libby, have been very active in the ward, Bob having served as president of the Fourth Quorum of Elders and Libby as Junior Sunday School Teacher and Social Science Teacher in Relief Society.

The Fourth Quorum of Elders has been reorganized. The new officers are: President, John Baker; Counselors, Alton Davis and Bob Burdett; Secretary, Bryon Key.

East Richmond Ward

By IRMA BLEDSOE.

Bishop's Message:—Have you noticed the "new look" at 28th and Nevin? Our Chapel has had a complete face-lifting, inside and out. Many thanks to the faithful members of both Richmond Wards for their time and effort making the painting possible.

Our Welfare bungalow is progressing very nicely; altho work was delayed while work was being done on the chapel, we are back to work again, full swing. Finish work has begun and the end is in sight. Drive up and see this darling dwelling on Sonoma Avenue which will be sold later to swell our Welfare Funds.

Congratulations to Bob Barney who was ordained an elder and to Juanita Rerisk who was baptized last month.

We are proud of our East Richmond Ward Aaronic Quorum members in winning a three-Stake contest for the biggest improvement to their quorum within five months. Their prize is an overnite trip to Mt. Lassen National Park.

Canning season is here again! Already group canners have 900 cans of apricots, and negotiations are nearly completed for apples and peaches.

The Relief Society announces its coming "Bazaar" some time in August and a rummage sale. If you have anything you wish to donate please get in touch with one of the officers so that it may be picked up.

Our talented and faithful Sunday School chorister, Kay Ballard, has found it necessary to resign. Many thanks for the spirit of joy she gave to our hymns. Adeptly filling the position now is Brother Gowan recently of Logan, Utah.

Brother Burke has been called back from his leave of absence to the A. C. in Logan where he will continue teaching elementary teacher education. The Gospel Doctrine class has grown noticeably since he began teaching. He and his wife will be greatly missed.

A very gay time was seen at the Ward weenie roast at Alvarado Park. Games, contests and skating made up the fun. Highlight of the evening came when four of our adult members were thrown from galloping wooden horses.

A Pioneer dance was given the Primary children. Folk and ballroom dancing was taught, topped off with refreshments.

The Beehive girls lunched and swam at Castle Rock last week and will enjoy a skating party in the near future.

A large crowd from East Richmond participated in the games and swimming at the Stake Pioneer party at Mitchell Park on the 24th of July.

Dick Jackson recently returned from a flying business trip to Washington has left for a visit with his parents in Utah.

Berkeley Stake Quorum News

Berkeley Stake Fourth Quorum of Elders Reorganized.

With the announcement that **President Robert Freeman** has accepted a position at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology wher he will carry on research in elecrical engineering, it has been necessary to reorganize the Fourth Quorum of Elders. The Fourth Quorum is loosing a very able president and the best wishes of the priesthood of the Berkeley Stake go with him to his new assignment.

Brother C. John Baker, former counselor to President Freeman has been called to serve as the new president of the quorum. He has selected as his counselors Brothers Alton Davis and Bob Burdett. Brother Byron Key will remain as quorum secretary.

Bob Burdett, the new addition to the presidency was born in Ogden, Utah, but moved to the Bay Area with his parents in 1932. He graduated from the University High School in Berkeley and spent two years at City College in San Francisco where he majored in chemistry. Bob's formal schooling was interrupted when he received a call to The Netherlands Mission. After serving two and one-half successful years, he was released and returned home in June of this year and is presently employed with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, awaiting the call of Uncle Sam.

Called to the presidency of the Second Quorum is **C. Denton Brough,** a native of Clarkston, Utah, who reached the bay area via Los Angeles. Denton graduated from Los Angeles High, spent six years in the Navy, and then came to Northern California and graduated from Heald's Business College, Oakland, majoring in accounting and business administration. In 1949-51 he served in the Central States and West Central States Missions and a month after his release married Betty Burrel, Logan, Utah. They have one child. Denton is employed in the accounting division of the Standard Oil Company.

As a counselor in the Second Quorum Presidency, Denton has selected Brother **Donald E. Pebbles,** a native Californian and more specifically a native of Sacramento. Don attended Grant High School in Sacramento and later served two years in the Navy. Don is a professional cabinet maker. In 1946 Don married Valoy Fox. Two new "Pebbles" have joined the family. Their marriage was sealed in the Temple in October of last year. Don is presently employed as field counselor with the T.A.C.V. Culco Division, in charge of Contra Costa County.

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Rapidly Growing Wards Crowd Bay-Area Stakes

Southern Alameda County from Castro Valley and Hayward southward; and Contra Costa County from Concord to Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Orinda, are the present wonder regions of unusual new growth in populations in Oakland and Berkeley Stakes.

Hayward, in Oakland Stake, was divided and Castro Valley Ward was created. Then came the creation of the Centerville Branch in the spring of 1952. Yet the population of Hayward Ward still continues to grow so vigorously that another division of that parent ward to form a new church unit in the San Lorenzo area is being freely predicted.

Walnut Creek in Berkeley Stake was a struggling church unit a few years ago; yet 1951-52 has seen two lusty wards created in that great district: Concord to the north and Pleasant Hills between Concord and Walnut Creek. And the Lafayette and the Orinda Branches are so active that some profess to foresee two new wards there in the near future.

In fact, many who are watching this rapid enlargement of the borders of Zion in Northern California do not hesitate to predict two new stakes in these two bulging areas within a very few years' time: a Hayward Stake and a Walnut Creek Stake.

Figures showing the current swelling of the rolls in Hayward and Walnut Creek Wards are revealing. Hayward was left with 700 members in April 1951 when the ward was divided; then 150 members were taken away from Hayward Ward early in 1952. Notwithstanding these losses to the ward membership, there are approximately 900 members on the rolls of Hayward Ward as of August 1, 1952.

In Walnut Creek Ward before Concord and Pleasant Hills were taken from the ward, the new members moving into the ward were running at approximately 30 per month. The two new wards are now growing very rapidly in membership, but notwithstanding this fact the mother ward of Walnut Creek continues to grow at the rate of almost 20 new names each month.

CREED OF CHEERFUL GIRLS

Dear Brother Ball: Some of our younger girls have a Sunshine Club, where they learn poetry; each day a different poem, always uplifting and designed to help make the life of each girl happier and more cheerful. In order for the girls to add another members, the new member has to have this poem printed in a paper, or magazine. I was asked to send it to you and see if you possibly could find a spot for it in the Messenger.

"THE CHEERFUL CLUB'S CREED"

We cannot of course all be handsome,
And it's hard for us all to be good;
We are sure now and then to be lonely,
And we don't always do as we should.
To be patient is not always easy,
To be cheerful is much harder still:
But at least we can always be pleasant,
If we make up our minds that we will.
And it pays every time to look kindly,
Although you feel worried and blue;
If you smile at the world and be cheerful,
The world will smile back at you.
So try to brace up and look pleasant,
No matter how low you are down;
Good humor is always contagious,
But you banish your friends when you frown.

—UNSIGNED.

Local Underwriters Win National Award

Charles J. Taylor, C.L.U., general agent, and Don C. Wood, C.L.U., representative of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company, have been listed among the winners of the National Quality Award for 1952. This award is presented jointly by the National Association of Life Underwriters of New York City and the Life Insurance Agency Management Association of Hartford, Connecticut.

Chief among the qualifications required for receiving this award is a good volume of business with extra high quality and persistency. This standard of work must be maintained for a period of two years.

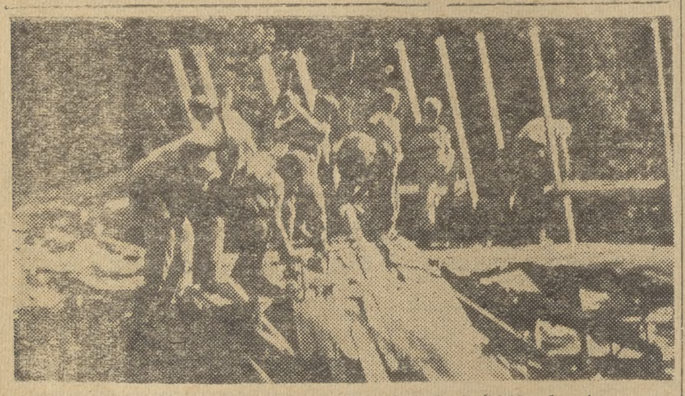
Messrs. Taylor and Wood are two of the 20 representatives of the company to achieve this special award. The award program has only been in effect for eight years and Mr. Taylor has received this award for six years and Mr. Wood for three years.

San Fernando Stake High School Youths Become Missionaries

A large-sized group, composed chiefly of young people of high school ages, who have recently accepted calls to fill summer missions in the San Fernando Stake, completed early in July a series of a dozen orientation lessons.

The objective of this training course was to give the new missionaries a general understanding of the Gospel and acceptable methods of presenting it to others. Beginning June 16 the new missionaries met twice weekly for this instruction during a three-week period. A second group then began their three-weeks preparation.

This opportunity to do missionary work during the summer vacation was extended to the youth of San Fernando Stake who were 17 years of age or over. Classes met Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.



BOY SCOUTS, Troop 16, Alameda Ward, July 7, 1952, clearing away boards at Liahona Lodge in Stanislaus Forest after the winter snowpack's damage.

THREE PUP TENTS, Boy Scout Camp, Troop 16, Alameda, at Liahona Mountain Campsite July 4-11, 1952. Don Tanner, Scoutmaster.

Church-Wide News July Tourist Peak

● The July tourist peak on Temple Square in Salt Lake City hit a July high of 6000 visitors a day from 47 states and many foreign countries. Tourists show interest also in the State Capitol (2000 per day). Great Salt Lake, and the canyons, especially Emigration Canyon. Outside the city the largest single drawing-card is the Zion and Bryce Canyon area. At least 75 per cent of Utah's tourist travel by auto, and over half are interested in camping areas.

● Dr. J. C. Moffit, superintendent of Provo, Utah schools and author of "The History of Public Education in Utah" and other popular texts, has been elected vice president of the National Educational Association.

● A BYU professor, Dr. George H. Hansen, claims that five mountain ranges have risen in Utah and four of them have disappeared. The fifth range, the Wasatch, is now going through the process of disappearing. Old Lake Bonneville once covered 22,000 square miles and was 1000 ft. deep in some spots. "Actually the Utah area has been under water longer than it has been above," declared Dr. Hansen recently.

● Among the many colorful events of "Days of '47," the full-week Pioneer Day celebration in Salt Lake City, was a great commemorative service July 22 atop Big Mountain, the point that divides Salt Lake Valley and Weber Valley and from whence the pioneers first glimpsed the great salt valley.

● Some 135 emigrant pioneers who came to Utah before May 10, 1869 (the date the railroad was completed) were honored in Salt Lake City at a special banquet July 24 in the Hotel Utah. President David O. McKay, Gov. Bracken and Mayor Glade were in attendance.

● President Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, celebrated his 76th birthday July 19 while in Fairbanks, Alaska, on Church business. He dedicated a new chapel while there.

His grandfather was the patriarch Hyrum Smith, brother to the Prophet.

President Smith is the author of many books ,chief of which are "The Way to Perfection," "The Progress of Man," "Signs of the Times," and "Restoration of All Things."

He is the father of 11 children and has 44 grandchildren.

● Every Sunday 329,356 LDS members attend Sunday School, says Richard E. Folland of the Deseret Sunday School Union, the largest class being the Gospel Doctrine class. 626,418 persons are enrolled in the Sunday School with an average attendance of 34 per cent.

● Sharon Stake, Utah County, Utah, will harvest about 140,000 pounds of Welfare cherries. The stake farm of 33.5 acres was secured at a cost of $40,000 in 1947. Now 40 additional acres have been added.

● Montpelier Ward in Idaho has a 200-acre Welfare dry-farm. In July, 120 acres were plowed in one day.

● An Armenian by birth now presides over Wilford Stake, Salt Lake County. Pres. George Z. Aposhian was five when the family arrived in America. Now he owns a garage and various business properties. His father was a dealer in oriental rugs in Armenia when in three nights he read the Book of Mormon through and applied for baptism.

● Alexander Schreiner, Tabernacle organist, was accorded second place in an annual poll of 850 music critics and editors in the United States and Canada.

● The annual Hill Cumorrah pageant, "America's Witness for Christ," again is presented by the Eastern States Mission, Dr. Harold I. Hansen of the BYU being the director. The dates are early in August.

● The LDS Church is actively supporting tropical disease research by the Institute of Tropical Research in Papeete, Tahiti. The current director of that Institute is a LDS professor, Dr. John F. Kessell, who has received the French Legion of Honor award for his work in the prevention of the disease filariasis of which elephantiasis (enlargement of the infected parts of the head and body). This old disease effects many members of the Church and some Elders in the Islands.

● Eva Willes Wangsgaard, Utah poetess so well known in Church periodicals, is a winner of not only Utah but some national contests. Recently she won from a California concern a free trip to Palm Springs.

● George O. Zabriskie, an high counselor in Oahu Stake, Hawaii, in the East Bay on Army business reports that the recent reorganization of Oahu Stake not only resulted in a new stake presidency but also in almost a new High Council and a new set of bishoprics of wards. There are 7000 members in the seven wards and seven branches of that island stake besides the Mission. Edward L. Clissold, the new president and former Japanese Mission president, is also general manager of State Savings and Loan Company whose home office and top officers are in Salt Lake City.

Kimball Faces Court Action

In late July Don L. Kimball was still unsettled regarding the expansion of his San Pablo Trailer Court because the dispute between him and the city of San Pablo ordinance forbidding the expansion of trailer courts.

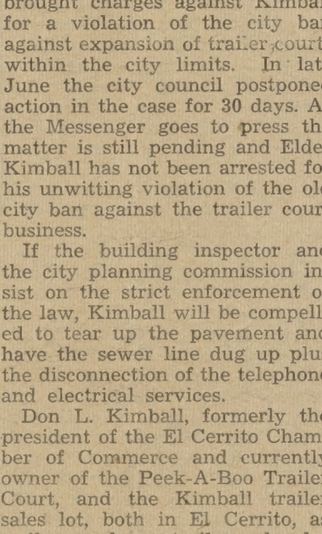
Brother Kimball, who had recently purchased the Ray's Trailer Court on Church street, San Pablo ,had proceeded to purchase a 20-foot strip along the rear of the court and to install thereon sewers.

The city's planning commission brought charges against Kimball for a violation of the city ban against expansion of trailer courts within the city limits. In late June the city council postponed action in the case for 30 days. As the Messenger goes to press the matter is still pending and Elder Kimball has not been arrested for his unwitting violation of the old city ban against the trailer court business.

If the building inspector and the city planning commission insist on the strict enforcement of the law, Kimball will be compelled to tear up the pavement and have the sewer line dug up plus the disconnection of the telephone and electrical services.

Don L. Kimball, formerly the president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce and currently owner of the Peek-A-Boo Trailer Court, and the Kimball trailer sales lot, both in El Cerrito, as well as a large trailer sales lot in San Leandro, is a member of the East Richmond Ward. He is a grandson of Heber C. Kimball, early-day apostle and counselor to President Brigham Young.

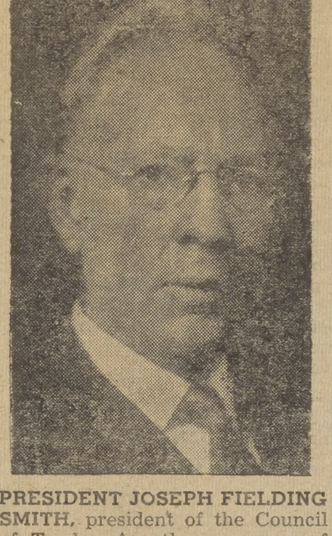
JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH.



PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH, president of the Council of Twelve Apostles, was one of the General Assembly speakers at the popular BYU Leadership Week in June. Always a deep thinker and instructive speaker, Elder Smith, grandson of the Patriarch Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Elder Smith is one of the most prolific writers in the Church and perhaps its chief living authority on Church history and doctrine.

Besides serving as the head of the Twelve, Elder Smith is the Church Historian and an active officer of the Church's Genealogical Society.

THORPE B. ISAACSON.



Elder Thorpe B. Isaacson, of the presiding bishopric, was elected recently to a third term as president of the Board of Trustees of the Utah Agricultural College at Logan, Utah.

Besides his many church and civic duties, Elder Isaacson is the aggressive head of a record making life insurance agency in Salt Lake City.

Colleen Tarvels Over 100,000 Miles

Colleen Hutchins, Las Flores Ward girl who holds the "Miss America of 1952" title, has traveled over 100,000 miles by air in the past eight months and opines that she'll be tired by September when her reign as the nation's beauty and talent queen is over.

Her trip to South America was most successful, with the press printing columns and columns about her. Crowds attended her appearances everywhere but especially at one spot where a newspaper notice informed the public that Colleen had gained 1143 pounds. "I guess they wanted to see for themselves," says Colleen.

A devotee of the drama, Colleen plans to use her $5,000 scholarship studying at some university towards her master's degree. She has been a student at BYU and at the University of Utah.

National Jamboree Comes to California

The golden opportunity to attend a colorful national Scouting jamboree will come to Boy Scouts of California next summer. The third national jamboree will be held at that time in Southern California.

Any boy, registered now, if he is determined enough to work and save, can make it to the jamboree next July where over 50,000 Scouts will assemble.

Recently five boys from the Teton Parks Council, Idaho, completed their registration for this 1953 jamboree. Scouts and Explorers are already registering all over the West, it is reported in Scout circles. Jamborees come but once, as a rule, while any boy is a registered Scout. Hence for our Boy Scouts it is really now or never.

Genealogy Research Locally Available

We are pleased again to announce that two of our Berkeley Stake genealogical workers are willing to do intensive research work at reasonable rates for those who would like to arrange matters to that end. Contact Albert Dietliker, 14 Carmel, El Cerrito, Landscape 5-9508; or Leonora J. Hill 2011 Haste Street, Berkeley, Ashberry 3-10440. Mrs. Hill plans to make a trip to Los Angeles in August where she could do research in the large Genealogical Library there as desired.

TEMPLE OPENING DATES

The Salt Lake Temple opens August 11; Manti, September 2; Locan, September 8; St. George, September 9; Alberta, September 16; Arizona, September 29; and Idaho Falls October 14. All the temples are closed during the month of August except Idaho Falls which will remain open until August 30.

Unique Church Plan Raises Building Fund

The fame of the St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Albany, California, is becoming nationwide. The August issue of the American Magazine carries in its "Interesting People" section a picture of the Church's "Vocational Giving" program.

Frank C. Sibilia, Mark Hopkins hotel barber in San Francisco, is credited with developing the plan. It consists of church members performing services in their special fields for other members who in turn contribute to the church building fund.

Sibilia himself gives haircuts to Alban's members who then make their building fund contributions.

Mrs. Elora Cleave gives art lessons on the same basis and Mrs. Catherine Niemi makes ceramics and contribuates the proceeds.

This plan goes under the name of a "Vocational Giving Program."

NEW GUIDE SERVICE TO WELFARE CENTER

Inauguration of a new guide service to acquaint tourists and members of the Church with the purposes of the Welfare Program and activities on Welfare Square is announced by Pres. Fred W. Schwendiman, chairman of the Pioneer Welfare Region.

Guides will be chosen from the nine member stakes and headed by Paul F. Royall, a guide on Temple Square.

Arrangements have been made for Utah Transportation Co. buses to meet interested tourists at the west gate of Temple Square for the trip to Welfare Square at the corner of Seventh South and Seventh West.

Guides will board the bus to brief the travelers on fundamental principles of the Welfare Plan and will follow through at the Square pointing out the practical features of the Gospel in Action.

Cards describing the new service and the newly-initiated tour will be distributed to tourists on Temple Square and sufficient transportation to accommodate those interested is assured, thruout the week.

The first bus will leave Temple Square at 10 a.m. July 21 and continue thruout the day as determined by those who require such service.

Bus loads and those making the trip by themselves will be met by other guides at the Square who will lead them through the bishops' storehouse, the cannery, storage areas, milk plant, grain elevator and other points of interest.

Literature descriptive of the Welfare Program will be distributed to all comers, according to President Schwendiman.

The Messenger Printer Publishes Community and Travis Airbase Papers

Ray E. Campbell is publisher of the Solano County Courier of Suisun and The Global Ranger, organ of Travis Air Force Base, near Fairfield and Suisun. He is also a job printer to a wide area around Fairfield from Vallejo to Sacramento; engraver and photographer; and columnist under the nom de plume, "The Sage of Suisun Slough."

This versatile recent convert to the Church with his wife, Maxine, an expert linotypist, experienced printing office manager and mother of four daughters, two of them in high school, is the printer and the engraver for the Messenger of Northern California. Much of the paper's growth and expanison has turned on the cooperation of these two very busy people.

At this particular summer period, the Campbell family of five (Kathy is a sixth member, a young mother with a babe) rate Messenger notice for two special reasons.

First, they completed in July an auto tour for photographic recordings of all the principle LDS historic shrines from Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont, and the Vermont birthplace of Brigham Young, the Hill Cumorrah and Sacred Grove area, Kirtland, Nauvoo and Independence, and other spots of lesser importance.

Second, the Campbells paid thir annual visit to Lahoma, Oklahoma, to Ray's grandmother who, on June 20, celebrated the completion of her 100th year of life. Twice married, the mother of eight children and a great-great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Amy June Mahew was clear of eye, could hear fairly well and "felt pretty good."

This remarkable progenitor of the Suisun Campbells possessed an uncanny memory and intellect that recalled utmost details of the old days—month, day and year—and the people concerned by full names.

Baptized a Baptist as a child when they had to break the river ice, her most treasured possession was her tattered old Bible which she had read through eight times and in which she read selections every day. She had kept up to date her "Day Book," a diary of important events.

With her daughter's aid, Mrs. Mahew still carried on an active correspondence with 30 friends all over the United States and averaged several letters in each mail. She read easily without the use of eye glasses.

This worthy lady passed to her reward just 22 days after the Campbell family "paid" her in person their 1952 tribute of love and good wishes.

Current Encyclopedia Say Baptism for Dead Early Christian Rite

The two greatest scholarly encyclopedias, the Britannica and the Americana in their 1951 and 1946 editions respectively print articles under the caption, "Baptism for the Dead." In each case an admission is made that this rite was part of the teaching and practice of the primitive Christian Church.

We quote from a June 15, 1952 mimeographed sheet issued by the Central Atlantic States Mission for the use of missionaries.

BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD.—"How realistically the effect of baptism is conceived is evident also from a curious custom which was the practice at Corinth. (1 Cor. 15:29). If a Christian died there unbaptized, another had himself baptized in the place of the dead person, naturally in the belief that the sacramental action would also have its effect in the other world upon the person who had died. And traces of this 'vicarious baptism' can actually be shown in various places even into the fourth century." Encyclopedia Britannica, 1951 Edition, Vol. 3, p. 82, Baptism, "The Apostolic Age," last eight lines of the article.

"A custom mentioned by St. Paul in I Cor. 15:29. It probably consisted in the vicarious baptism of a living Christian for a catechumen who had died unbaptized, the latter being hereby accounted as baptized. It is doubtful if the custom was ever widely prevalant, and it seems to have soon died in the church, although kept alive by Marcionites and other Heretics.

It was forbidden by the Synod of Hippo (393 A.D.). It is observed by the Mormons at the present day." Encyclopedia Americana, 1946, Vol. 3, p. 219, Baptism for the Dead.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES NUMBER 14,000

Q. How many missionaries do American churches send out?

A. It has been estimated recently that there are 14,000 American missionaries in other lands, with annual expenditures of about $40,000,000 for foreign missions.

San Francisco Chronicle Features Dispatch On LDS Genealogy Gathering

(The July 19, 1952, issue of the S. F. Chronicle carried a three-column Reuters dispatch from London as follows:)

MICROFILM REPOSITORY AT SALT LAKE; WORLD ANCESTRY SEARCH BY MORMONS

LONDON, July 18 (Reuters)—The Mormon Church is sifting through the birth, marriage and death records of Western Europe in a huge project aimed at building up "the greatest repository of genealogical information in the world" at Salt Lake City, Utah.

David O. McKay, Mormon president, said in an interview today that "hundreds of thousands of dollars" are being spent to enable nearly 56 fulltime researchers to microfilm every available scrap of information dating back for centuries in Britain and on the Continent.

The microfilming project, which got under way shortly after World War II and is to continue another 10 years, is rooted in the Mormon Church's belief that a Mormon's ancestors can be 'baptized by proxy" into the church even though they died long ago.

The ancestors of some present-day Mormons, McKay said, have been traced back "halfway to Adam." The church's belief is that these ancestors can be instructed after death in the Mormon creed regardless of what religion they belonged to during their life on earth.

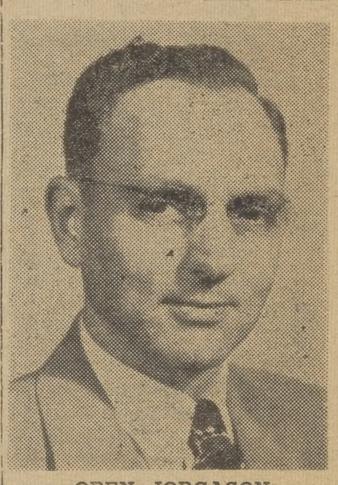
McKay pointed out that the Mormons' great gathering together of data on millions upon millions of Europe's inhabitants down through the centuries is expected to prove of priceless value in cases where war or other disaster destroys the original records.

Mormon researchers are at work in Britain, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, West Germany and France, McKay said.

They are microfilming dusty records, made available by church parishes and by government authorities, dating back to the times when the facts of births, weddings and deaths first were set down on paper.

The results of this intensive digging into the past are channeled back to Salt Lake City, where a large staff of experts co-ordinates the information and prepares it for permanent safekeeping.

"In several countries," McKay said, "we have been very pleased to make arrangements with governments to furnish duplicate copies of our microfilms."



OREN JORGASON

The treasurer of the Liahona Club at the present time and one of the original organizers of that club is Oren Jorgason, head of an accident and life insurance business in Oakland.

Formerly a resident of Salt Lake City where he sang in the Tabernacle Choir, Oren first came to the coast when the choir came to sing at the first San Francisco World's Fair. Falling in love with the bay area at first sight, Oren did not return to Utah with the choir, but decided to make his permanent home in this region. He has been active in business and church affairs in Oakland ever since.